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## Re: Ballot Windows Open

**The Standards Committee announces the following standards actions:**

### **Nine Initial Ballot Windows for Project 2007-23 — Violation Severity Levels are Open**

[Project 2007-23 — Violation Severity Levels](#) proposes replacing the existing “Levels of Non-compliance” in the 83 standards approved by FERC with Violation Severity Levels (VSLs). In its June 7, 2007 [Order on Compliance Filing](#), FERC directed NERC to replace the “Levels of Non-compliance” with VSLs by March 1, 2008. The drafting team also developed VSLs for NUC-001-1 — Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination reliability standard.

There are 739 sets of VSLs (each set is associated with a requirement or sub-requirement) and these sets of VSLs have been grouped into nine “ballots” as shown below:

[Balancing](#) (BAL)

[Critical Infrastructure, Communications, Voltage and Reactive](#) (CIP, COM, VAR)

[Emergency Operations](#) (EOP)

[Facilities and Modeling](#) (FAC, MOD)

[Interchange, Personnel and Nuclear](#) (INT, PER, NUC)

[Interconnected Reliability Operations](#) (IRO)

[Protection and Control](#) (PRC)

[Transmission Operations](#) (TOP)

[Transmission Planning](#) (TPL)

The initial [ballot](#) for each of the nine sets of Violation Severity Levels is open and will remain open until 8 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, January 28, 2008. **(Note that this is a short ballot window.)**

### **Standards Development Process**

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or [maureen.long@nerc.net](mailto:maureen.long@nerc.net).