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TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Comment Period Opens

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards action:

FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings Standard and Implementation Plan Posted for 30-day Comment Period July 19–August 17, 2007

A SAR to revise and combine FAC-008 — Facility Ratings Methodology and FAC-009 — Establish and Communicate Facility Ratings was posted for a 45-day comment period from January 15, 2007 through February 28, 2007 along with the proposed revisions to the standard and an implementation plan.

While stakeholders supported the SAR and supported combining the two standards into a single standard ([FAC-008 — Facility Ratings](#)), there were some stakeholder suggestions for additional modifications to the standard that were adopted by the drafting team.

The compliance elements of the standard were revised following the comment period to include longer retention of evidence. This change is needed to ensure that evidence of compliance is retained long enough to support the new six-year audit cycles for entities registered to perform the Transmission Owner and Generator Owner functions.

The standard was also revised following the comment period to address applicable directives in FERC Order 693. The FERC directives fell into two categories:

- Directives to modify the FAC-008 standard, and
- Directives to consider stakeholder comments submitted to FERC relative to the NOPR on Standards

The drafting team is seeking stakeholder input on whether the changes are acceptable. Please use this [comment form](#) to submit comments on the latest version of FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings.

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.

Sincerely,

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