

February 28, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Announcement
Standards Recirculation Ballot Windows
for V1 Risk Factors Open February 28–March 9, 2007**

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

Recirculation Ballot Windows Open for Seven Sets of Version 1 Violation Risk Factors

The [recirculation ballot](#) windows for the following sets of [violation risk factors](#) are open through 8 p.m. (EST) Friday, March 9, 2007. The Standards Committee urges ballot pool members who wish to change their initial vote and ballot pool members who did not vote during the initial ballot period of February 14 through February 23, 2007 to register their votes during this period.

Version 1 Violation Risk Factors Ballots

Critical Infrastructure Protection — (CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1)

Facility Ratings — (FAC-008-1 through FAC-014-1)

Balancing and Interchange — (BAL-006-1, INT-001-2, INT-003-2, INT-004-1 through INT-010-1)

Interconnection Reliability Operations — (IRO-014-1 through IRO-016-1)

Modeling — (MOD-013-1, MOD-016-1, MOD-024-1, MOD-025-1)

Protection and Control — (PRC-002-1, PRC-018-1, PRC-021-1, PRC-022-1)

Emergency Operations, Voltage Control and Transmission Operations — (TOP-002-2, VAR-001-1, VAR-002-2, EOP-005-1)

All members of each of these ballot pools are encouraged to review the comments submitted with the first ballot, and the drafting team's responses to those comments. All comments and responses are posted at the following Web site:

<http://www.nerc.com/~filez/standards/Violation-Risk-Factors.html>

Members of the ballot pools may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot.
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot.
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote.

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In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if members don't indicate a revision to their original votes, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot.

“Violation risk factors” describe the potential reliability significance of violating each requirement, designated as a High, Medium or Lower Risk Factor. The future use of violation risk factors is described in the ERO Sanctions Guidelines which can be found in [Appendix 4](#) of the ERO Application and in [Appendix 4b](#) of the Non-Governance Compliance Filing.

If you experience any difficulty casting your ballot, please e-mail your ballot to Barbara Bogenrief (Barbara.Bogenrief@nerc.net).

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,

Maureen E. Long

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