



Standards Announcement

Comment Period Opens

April 18–May 19, 2008

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A SAR to revise the Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) for the FERC-approved Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) standards has been posted for a 30-day comment period through May 19, 2008.

The SAR includes a proposed set of VSLs for each of the following standards:

EOP-001-0	Emergency Operations Planning
EOP-002-2	Capacity and Energy Emergencies
EOP-003-1	Load Shedding Plans
EOP-004-1	Disturbance Reporting
EOP-005-1	System Restoration Plans
EOP-006-1	Reliability Coordination – System Restoration
EOP-008-0	Plans for Loss of Control Center Functionality
EOP-009-0	Documentation of Blackstart Generating Unit Test Results

On February 28, 2008, the NERC Board of Trustees approved (for filing with FERC) all nine sets of VSLs that were balloted in February 2008, including the set of VSLs for the EOP requirements. (Stakeholders only approved eight of the nine ballots for VSLs — stakeholders did not approve the VSLs for the EOP requirements.) The board directed the Standards Committee to take action to expedite the development of a revised group of EOP VSLs for filing with FERC. Based on that directive, the EOP VSLs were modified using comments submitted with the initial and recirculation ballots.

Please use this [electronic comment form](#) to submit comments on the SAR and the proposed set of EOP VSLs by May 19, 2008. If you need an off-line, unofficial copy of the questions in the comment form, there is a copy of the comment form posted at the [project Web site](#):

If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Barbara Bogenrief at 609-452-8060.

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.

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