

Standards Announcement Two Recirculation Ballots December 10–19, 2008

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Recirculation ballot windows for the following projects are now open until 8 p.m. EST on December 19, 2008:

Interpretation of TOP-002-2 Requirement R11 (Project 2008-13)

Orlando Utilities Commission asked for clarification regarding the studies of system operating limits (SOLs) required in Requirement R11. A subset of the Real-time Operations Standard Drafting Team drafted a response to address the questions. A summary of the questions is listed below:

1. Can studies be reused?
2. What constitutes a study?
3. Does the phrase “to determine SOLs” include the identification of potential SOL violations?

The request and interpretation can be found on the following page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-13_TOP-002_Interpretation_OUC.html

Standard FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings (Project 2006-09)

The Facility Ratings standard is undergoing modifications to address the directives in FERC Order 693. The purpose of the standard is to ensure that Facility Ratings used in the reliable planning and operation of the bulk electric system are determined based on technically sound principles.

An associated implementation plan has been developed for the new standard. The ballot for this standard includes the retirement of the associated approved standards FAC-008-1 — Facility Ratings Methodology and FAC-009-1 — Establish and Communicate Facility Ratings. The drafting team made some minor clarifying edits to the standard that did not change the scope or intent of any of the requirements or VSLs.

Project Page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Facility_Ratings_Project_2006-09.html

Recirculation Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the Ballot Pool to review the consideration of comments submitted with the initial ballots. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if a Ballot Pool member does not submit a revision to that member's original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool 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.

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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