

Standards Bulletin: May 21-27, 2012

This weekly bulletin compiles a list of current and upcoming standards, interpretations, and other standards items posted for industry comment or ballot, along with recent FERC approvals and upcoming standards-related postings and events. Please email [Monica Benson](#) with questions about standards commenting and balloting, [Ben Engelby](#) with questions about CANs, and [Mallory Huggins](#) with feedback on this bulletin.

The current bulletin is always available on the [Standards Under Development](#) page, and previous bulletins are available on the [Standards](#) page.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list for a particular standards project to stay informed about drafting team meetings and calls, please email [Mallory Huggins](#).

STANDARDS ITEMS

Current Ballots (ballot periods close at 8 p.m. Eastern)

- [Project 2008-06: Cyber Security Order 706](#) (CIP-002-5 through CIP-0099-5, CIP-010-1, and CIP-011-1) – Open May 11-21, 2012 ([Successive Ballots](#))
- [Project 2009-01: Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting](#) (EOP-004-2) – Open May 15-24, 2012 ([Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll](#))

Posted for Comment (comment periods close at 8 p.m. Eastern)

- [Project 2008-06: Cyber Security Order 706](#) (CIP-002-5 through CIP-0099-5, CIP-010-1, and CIP-011-1) – Open April 12, 2012 - May 21, 2012
 - [Comment Form A: CIP-002 and CIP-003](#)
 - [Comment Form B: CIP-004 through CIP-007](#)
 - [Comment Form C: CIP-008 through CIP-001](#)
 - [Comment Form D: Definitions and Implementation Plans](#)
- [Project 2009-01: Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting](#) (EOP-004-2) – Open April 25 - May 24, 2012 ([Comment Form](#))
- [Project 2007-02: Operating Personnel Communications Protocols](#) (COM-003-1) – Open May 7 - June 20, 2012 ([Comment Form](#))
- [Cost Effective Analysis Process \(CEAP\) for NERC ERO Standards](#) – Open May 7 - July 6, 2012 ([Comment Form](#))
- [Order 754 Request for Data or Information](#) – Open May 11 - June 25, 2012 ([Comment Form](#))
- [Project 2007-06: System Protection Coordination](#) (PRC-027-1) – Open May 21 – July 5, 2012 ([Comment Form](#))

- [Project 2011-INT-02: Interpretation of VAR-002 for Constellation](#) – Open May 22 - June 20, 2012 ([Comment Form](#))

Join Ballot Pools (ballot pool windows close at 8 a.m. Eastern)

- [Project 2007-02: Operating Personnel Communications Protocols \(COM-003-1\)](#) – Open May 7 – June 5, 2012 ([Join Ballot Pools for Initial Ballot and Non-binding Poll](#))
- [Project 2007-06: System Protection Coordination \(PRC-027-1\)](#) – Open May 21 – July 5, 2012 ([Join Ballot Pools for Initial Ballot and Non-binding Poll](#))

Pending Ballots (ballot periods close at 8 p.m. Eastern)

- [Project 2007-02: Operating Personnel Communications Controls \(COM-003-1\)](#) – June 11-20, 2012 ([Initial Ballot and Non-binding Poll](#))
- [Project 2011-INT-02: Interpretation of VAR-002 for Constellation](#) – Open June 11-20, 2012 ([Successive Ballot](#))
- [Project 2007-06: System Protection Coordination \(PRC-027-1\)](#) – Open June 26 – July 5, 2012 ([Initial Ballot and Non-binding Poll](#))

Standard Drafting Team Vacancies

Any industry stakeholders interested in participating on a standards drafting team can view vacant appointments on the [Drafting Team Vacancies page](#) on NERC's website and submit a self-nomination form to sarcomm@nerc.com.

The latest posted vacancy is for the following:

- [Project 2010-13.2: Generator Relay Loadability](#): Seeking an individual with experience in generator protection systems from the FRCC or MRO region and either the cooperative or merchant electricity generator sector.

Board of Trustees Approvals and NERC Website Updates

On May 9, 2012, the NERC Board of Trustees adopted the following Reliability Standards: [PRC-005-1.1b: Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing](#); [TOP-001-2: Transmission Operations](#); [TOP-002-3: Operations Planning](#); [TOP-003-2: Operational Reliability Data](#); and [VAR-001-3: Voltage and Reactive Control](#). The Board of Trustees also approved an interpretation to CIP-002 which resulted in [CIP-002-3a: Cyber Security – Critical Asset Identification](#) and [CIP-002-4a: Cyber Security – Critical Cyber Asset Identification](#).

The Reliability Standards page, Enforcement Dates page, Complete Set of Reliability Standards, and VRF Matrix on NERC's website have been updated accordingly.

Note that [FAC-003-3: Transmission Vegetation Management](#) was also approved by NERC's Board of Trustees on May 9, 2012. The Reliability Standards page, Enforcement Dates page, Complete Set of

Reliability Standards, VRF Matrix, and Glossary of Terms on NERC's website will be updated accordingly later this week.

FERC Approvals and NERC Website Updates

On May 7, 2012, FERC issued [Order No. 763 – Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding and Load Shedding Plans Reliability Standards](#) approving [EOP-003-2: Load Shedding Plans](#) and [PRC-006-1: Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding](#). The Order was published in the Federal Register on May 11, 2012 and will become effective on July 10, 2012. The standards will become enforceable in the United States on October 1, 2013, except for Parts 4.1 through 4.6 of PRC-006-1 R4, as described in the Notes field on the Enforcement Dates page.

The Reliability Standards page, Enforcement Dates page, Complete Set of Reliability Standards, and VRF/VSL Matrices on NERC's website have been updated accordingly.

Announcing a New Standards Email Address!

Beginning with today's bulletin, all major NERC standards communication will be issued from a new email address, NERC-StandardsAnnouncements-DoNotReply@nerc.net, rather than from individual NERC staff members' email addresses. This change will allow stakeholders to more easily sort and search for announcements issued from NERC's standards department. While the email address will be a "do not reply" address, all announcements will include information about whom to contact with questions, along with a hyperlink that pre-populates an email to the appropriate NERC staff member.

OTHER ITEMS

Compliance Application Notices (CANs) Posted for Comment

- Comments due by June 4, 2012 to cancomments@nerc.net using the [CAN Comment Form](#):
 - CAN-0019: CIP-007 R3.2, Implementation of Software Security Patches or Upgrades ([Draft with CCC Comments](#))
 - CAN-0023: CIP-005 R3 and CIP-006 R6, Logging System Failures ([Draft with CCC Comments](#))

Revised Definition of Adequate Level of Reliability (ALR) and Supporting Documents Posted for Comment

- Comments on the following documents due by June 25, 2012:
 - [Definition: Adequate Level of Reliability for the Bulk Electric System](#)
 - [Technical Report Supporting Definition of Adequate Level of Reliability](#)
 - [Discussion Paper: Risk Tolerance for Widespread Bulk Electric System Outages](#)
 - [Discussion Draft: Mapping of Adequate Level of Reliability for the Bulk Electric System to Standards Development Reliability Principles](#)
 - *See also:* [Original Announcement](#) with background information on the Adequate Level of Reliability Task Force

- Submit comments using the [electronic comment form](#).

Upcoming Events

- [Project 2007-12: Frequency Response Technical Conferences](#)
 - [May 22, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Eastern, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA \(Register\)](#)
 - [Project 2007-12: Frequency Response Technical Conference, May 24, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mountain, Xcel Energy Office, Denver, CO \(Register\)](#)
- Industry Webinars
 - [Adequate Level of Reliability Task Force, May 23, 2012, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern \(Register\)](#)
 - [Project 2007-02: Operating Personnel Communication Protocol \(COM-003-1\), June 7, 2012, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Eastern \(Register\)](#)
- [State of Standards Webinar, July 26, 2012, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern \(Register\)](#)
- [Fall Reliability Standards and Compliance Workshop, October 23-25, 2012, Westin Buckhead, Atlanta, GA](#)