

Standards Announcement

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Modifications to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure to Support NERC Board of Trustees Actions

The NERC Standards Committee has posted a revised version of the Reliability Standards Development Procedure manual for a 45-day comment period **until 8 p.m. on April 27, 2009**.

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Lauren Koller at 609-452-8060 or Lauren.Koller@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment form is posted at the following site: <http://www.nerc.com/filez/sc.html>.

Project Background

The Reliability Standards Development Procedure contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. During some of the recent Board of Trustee meetings, the board took actions that require conforming modifications to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure:

- In February 2008, the board acted to support a request to dissolve the Joint Interface Committee.
- In October 2008, the board directed the Standards Committee to modify the standards development process to address standards developed in response to national security emergency situations.
- In February 2009, the board directed the Standards Committee to change the standards development process to change the way Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels are developed and approved. These modifications were proposed by the board's Corporate Governance and Human Resources committee after posting its proposal for stakeholder comment.

Excerpts from the meeting minutes for each of the above board meetings have been posted at <http://www.nerc.com/filez/sc.html> and should be reviewed along with the proposed revisions to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure.

Note that the Standards Committee has several additional suggestions for modifications to the standards development process, but has decided to separate modifications directed by board actions from other modifications.

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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