

Standards Announcement

Nomination Period Open

Standards Committee's Communications and Planning
Subcommittee

January 27, 2009–February 9, 2009

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The Standards Committee is seeking industry volunteers to serve on its Communications and Planning Subcommittee. Through networking with other industry groups, the Communications and Planning Subcommittee focuses on finding opportunities to provide information about standards to end-users and opportunities to collect information from stakeholders on reliability-related issues indicating a need for new or revised standards. The Communication and Planning Subcommittee's scope includes the following items:

Communicate with Stakeholders

The subcommittee networks with regional committees, the NERC Operating Committee and Planning Committee, industry technical committees and stakeholders to identify issues and communicate information relative to standards and the standards process. The subcommittee provides summary feedback to the Standards Committee and NERC Staff, including identification of potential standards projects, improvements to the standards process, identification of potential technical references, etc.

The subcommittee takes an active role in planning standards conferences and ensures that some of the conference time is allocated to industry discussion of proposed standards. The subcommittee may identify and take advantage of other forums for providing similar visibility and discussion of proposed standards.

Propose Modifications to Annual Development Plan and Long-term Strategic Plan

The subcommittee provides NERC Staff and the Standards Committee with ideas (from stakeholders) on standards and standards issues that should be considered for annual development plans and strategic plans. The subcommittee provides input to the prioritization of projects identified for the next year's development plan based on stakeholder input. The subcommittee meets with NERC Staff (during the third quarter of the year) to participate in drafting the development plan for the following year and in updating the strategic plan.

The Standards Committee will add about five members from the slate of qualified nominees who submit a request to join the subcommittee. If you are interested, please complete this [electronic nomination form](#) by **February 9, 2009**.

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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