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## Standards Announcement

### Recirculation Ballot Window Open

September 2–14, 2009

Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

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

A recirculation ballot window for the revised version of the Reliability Standards Development Procedure manual is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on September 14, 2009**.

### **Instructions**

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

### **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.

### **Next Steps**

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes.

### **Project Background**

The Reliability Standards Development Procedure contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. During some of the recent Board of Trustees 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.

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