

## Standards Announcement

### Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window

March 16–April 14, 2009

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

### Revisions to System Restoration from Blackstart Resources Standards (Project 2006-03)

The System Restoration and Blackstart Standard Drafting Team has posted proposed standards EOP-005-2 — System Restoration from Blackstart Resources and EOP-006-2 — System Restoration — Coordination for a 30-day pre-ballot review. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on these standards **until 8 a.m. EDT on April 14, 2009**. An implementation plan – which summarizes proposed changes to the NERC Glossary of Terms as a result of EOP-005-2, proposed effective dates, and impact to existing standards – has been posted with the standards.

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2006-03\\_STND\\_EOP\\_in](mailto:bp-2006-03_STND_EOP_in).

### Project Background

The proposed revisions update and move requirements from four standards into two standards, and result in two changes to the NERC Glossary of Terms, as shown below:

Existing Approved Standards & Definitions	Proposed Revised Standards & Definitions
EOP-001-1 — Emergency Operations Plan	EOP-001-2 — Emergency Operations Plan (Retire Requirement R2.4 of EOP-001-1)
EOP-005-1 — System Restoration Plans	EOP-005-2 — System Restoration from Blackstart Resources
EOP-006-1 — Reliability Coordination — System Restoration	EOP-006-2 — System Restoration — Coordination
EOP-007-0 — Establish, Maintain, and Document a Regional Blackstart Capability Plan	(merged into EOP-005-2 and EOP-006-2)
EOP-009-0 — Documentation of Blackstart Generating Unit Test Results	(merged into EOP-005-2 and EOP-006-2)
Blackstart Capability Plan	Retire definition
	Blackstart Resource (new definition)

This project involves upgrading the overall quality of the standards, eliminating some gaps in the requirements, eliminating some ambiguity, and eliminating some “fill-in-the-blank” components. Stakeholder comments and FERC Order 693 were considered as the drafting team completed its drafts. The proposed standards include many significant changes, including re-assignment of requirements that had been assigned to the Regional Reliability Organization, identification of the specific elements that must be contained in a system restoration plan, and the introduction of a new term – “Blackstart Resource” – along with a recommendation to retire the term “Blackstart Capability Plan.”

Project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/System\\_Restoration\\_Blackstart.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/System_Restoration_Blackstart.html)

### **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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