

July 20, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Announcement**  
**Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool for IRO-006-4 — Reliability Coordination —**  
**Transmission Loading Relief Open July 20, 2007**

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards action:

**Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool for IRO-006-4 — Reliability Coordination —**  
**Transmission Loading Relief (Project 2006-08 — Phase I) both Open July 20, 2007**

Project 2006-08 includes three phases of revisions to [IRO-006-4](#) — Reliability Coordination – Transmission Loading Relief. The first phase of revisions included working with NAESB to remove all business practices from IRO-006 and then to add measures and compliance elements to support the remaining reliability-related requirements. Future phases of the project will address a broader range of improvements.

Stakeholders are being asked to review the initial set of proposed revisions to the standard, including revisions to Attachment 1, which is the Eastern Interconnection Transmission Loading Procedure, to determine whether or not the reliability objectives associated with the original standard have been maintained. For details on the proposed changes, the following documents are posted:

- The proposed reliability standard (both in redline and in clean formats)
- The proposed implementation plan
- A White Paper that provides an overview of the approach the TLR Standard Drafting Team took in completing the first phase of modifications to the standard
- A draft of the Joint Operator Manual to provide operators an integrated view of both the NERC and NAESB standards
- A Violation Severity Guideline to assist entities in assessing compliance with IRO-006-4, Attachment 1
- A reference<sup>1</sup> to the approved NAESB business practices (to show where commercial aspects will be covered)
- An annotated markup of the last approved version of IRO-006 (highlighting how each part of the standard was divided).

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<sup>1</sup> Please access [http://naesb.org/misc/fa\\_weq\\_r06002\\_attachment%202 .pdf](http://naesb.org/misc/fa_weq_r06002_attachment%202.pdf) to review the NAESB TLR Business Practice Standards in conjunction with the proposed NERC TLR Reliability Standards to ensure that all relevant aspects of TLR standards are either included in the NERC proposal or in the NAESB business practices. Please note that the NAESB business practice standards are copyright protected. Should you need to obtain a copy of the NAESB standards for other purposes, please contact the NAESB office.

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Note that the ballot is asking for approval of IRO-006-4 and the associated implementation plan. All other materials are posted for reference only and the ballot will not be asking for approval of these documents.

A new [ballot pool](#) to vote on the initial set of modifications to this standard and its implementation plan has been formed and will remain open up until **8 a.m. (EDT) Monday, August 20, 2007**. During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp\\_iro\\_006-4\\_tlr\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp_iro_006-4_tlr_in@nerc.com)

The initial ballot for this standard will begin at **8 a.m. (EDT) on Monday, August 20, 2007**.

**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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or [maureen.long@nerc.net](mailto:maureen.long@nerc.net).

Sincerely,

*Maureen E. Long*

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