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Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window (with Comment Period)

Project 2007-01: Underfrequency Load Shedding

Now available at:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Underfrequency_Load_Shedding.html

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On March 18, 2010, FERC issued several orders and notices of proposed rulemakings pertaining to standards development activities and processes, suggesting a lack of progress in responding to directives from Order 693 as well in the timeliness of standards development in general. At the May 2010 NERC Board meeting, Gerry Cauley, NERC's President, also expressed these concerns, indicating that the resolution to these concerns is one of NERC's top priorities in the near term. As a result, the Standards Committee has authorized deviations from the normal standards development process for the Underfrequency Load Shedding project, as well as other projects that have been through significant stakeholder review through the development process, to demonstrate that the NERC enterprise is responsive to FERC directives, and is making progress in developing new standards.

The Standards Committee approved the following deviations from the standards development process:

- The proposed changes to the standards will be posted for a 35-day comment period (rather than a 45-day comment period). The Ballot Pool will be formed during the first 21 days of the 35-day comment period;
- The initial ballot will be conducted during the last 10 days of the 35-day comment period; and
- The drafting team may make modifications between the initial and recirculation ballots based on stakeholder comments to improve the overall quality of the standard.

Ballot Pool (through July 2, 2010)

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool **until 8 a.m. Eastern on July 2, 2010** to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot at the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>.

Members who join the ballot pool to vote on the standard will automatically be entered in a separate pool to participate in the non-binding poll of the associated violation risk factors (VRFs) and violation severity levels (VSLs). (As a reminder, this new approach for VRFs and VSLs is one of the updates reflected in the recently FERC-approved Reliability Standards Development Procedure – Version 7.)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: bp-2007-01_UFLS_in@nerc.com

Comment Period (through July 16, 2010)

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Lauren Koller at 609-524-7047.

The status, purpose, a clean and redline version of the four standards, and supporting documents for this project — including an off-line, unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment form — are posted at the following site: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Underfrequency_Load_Shedding.html

Project Background

Major objectives:

1. Ensure UFLS programs are developed to provide an appropriate level of reliability (not least common denominator).
2. Ensure that the standard is enforceable with clearly defined requirements and unambiguous language.
3. Address the issues raised by FERC Order 693 and other applicable orders.
4. Address the issues raised in the original Standards Authorization Request (SAR) for this project.
5. Address coordination between underfrequency load shedding and generator trip settings during frequency excursions.

Further details are available on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Underfrequency_Load_Shedding.html.

Applicability of Standards in Project

- Planning Coordinators
- UFLS Entities — entities that are responsible for the ownership, operation, or control of UFLS equipment as required by the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators. Such entities may include one or more of the following:
 - Transmission Owners.
 - Distribution Providers.
- Transmission Owners that own Elements identified in the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators.

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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