

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-14.1 Phase 1 of Balancing Authority Reliability-based Controls: Reserves

Formal Comment Period Open: November 30, 2012 – January 14, 2013
Ballot Pool Open: November 30, 2012 – January 3, 2013

Upcoming
Initial Ballot and Non-binding poll: January 4 – January 14, 2013

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A formal comment period for **BAL-012-1 – Operating Reserve Policy** is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, January 14, 2013. Ballots pools are being formed through **8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, January 3, 2012**. **In consideration of the holidays, the ballot pool window has been extended a few days beyond the typical 30-day period.**

Phase 1 of Balancing Authority Reliability-based Controls: Reserves is comprised of four standards – BAL-001-1, BAL-002-2, BAL-012-1 and BAL-013-1. This comment period and initial ballot pertains to BAL-012-1 - Operating Reserve Policy. The remaining standards in this project will be addressed in a separate comment period and initial ballot.

Instructions for Joining Ballot Pool

Ballots pools are being formed for the standard and non-binding poll for BAL-012-1. Registered Ballot Body members must join both ballot pools to be eligible to vote in the balloting of BAL-012-1 and to submit an opinion for the non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pools at the following page: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using the “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list server.) The ballot pool list servers for these ballot pools are:

Initial ballot: bp-2010-14.1_BAL-012_in@nerc.com

Non-binding poll: bp-2010-14.1_NB_BAL-012_in@nerc.com

Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, January 14, 2013.**

Please use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Wendy Muller at wendy.muller@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

An initial ballot of the standard and non-binding poll of the associated VRF/VSLs will be conducted Friday, January 4, 2013 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, January 14, 2013.

Background

The NERC Standards Committee approved the merger of Project 2007-05 Balancing Authority Controls and Project 2007-18 Reliability-based Control as Project 2010-14 Balancing Authority Reliability-based Controls on July 28, 2010. The NERC Standards Committee also approved the separation of Project 2010-14 Balancing Authority Reliability-based Controls into two phases and moving Phase 1 (Project 2010-14.1 Balancing Authority Reliability-based Controls – Reserves) into formal standards development on July 13, 2011. The Project 2010-14.1 Phase 1 proposes revisions to BAL-001-0.1a Real Power Balancing Control Performance and BAL-002-1 Disturbance Control Performance. The project also proposes two new standards, BAL-012-1 Operating Reserve Policy and BAL-013-1 Large Loss of Load Performance. This posting will be for a formal comment period and initial ballot of BAL-012-1. This standard will address the FERC Order 693 Directive for development of a continent wide Contingency Reserve standard. The standard also proposes to require development of a policy for Regulating and Frequency Responsive Reserves.

The four standards within Project 2010-14.1 are an important part of the ERO's strategic goal to develop technically sufficient standards with requirements that provide clear and unambiguous performance expectations and reliability benefits.

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

Standards Development Process

The [Standards Processes Manual](#) 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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