

## Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Window Open July 10–20, 2009

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

An initial ballot window for a revised version of the Reliability Standards Development Procedure manual is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on July 20, 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>

### **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 Trustee 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.

### **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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