

August 18, 2006

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Pre-ballot Windows and Ballot Pools Open August 18

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

Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool for Interpretation of PER-003 Operating Personnel Credentials Both Open on August 18

Hydro One requested a formal interpretation to PER-003 — Operating Personnel Credentials Requirement 1. The Personnel Subcommittee, working with NERC staff, developed the interpretation.

In accordance with the Reliability Standards Procedure Manual, the interpretation must be posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review, and then balloted. There is no public comment period for an interpretation. Balloting will be conducted following the same method used for balloting standards. If the interpretation is approved by its ballot pool, then the interpretation will be appended to the standard and will become effective when adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees. The interpretation will remain appended to the standard until the standard is revised through the normal standards development process. When the standard is revised, the clarifications provided by the interpretation will be incorporated into the revised standard.

The Interpretation of PER-003-1 Requirement 1 is posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review. A ballot pool to vote on the interpretation has been formed and will remain open through 8 p.m. (EPT) Monday, September 18, 2006. During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their 'ballot pool list server¹'. The list server for this ballot pool is called:
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Before joining the ballot pool, please make sure that you will be available during the ballot window to cast your ballot. The initial ballot for the interpretation to PER-003 will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EPT) on Tuesday, September 19 through 8 p.m. (EPT) Friday, September 29, 2006.

Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool for FAC-010, FAC-011, and FAC-014 Both Open on August 18

The following standards are posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review:

<u>FAC-010</u> — System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon

FAC-011 — System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon

FAC-014 — Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits

¹ For assistance in using a list server, contact Barbara Bogenrief at 609-452-8060.

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The initial ballot for this set of standards will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EPT) on Tuesday, September 19 through 8 p.m. (EPT) Friday, September 29, 2006.

Standards Development Process

The NERC posting and balloting procedures are described in the <u>*Reliability Standards</u></u> <u><i>Development Procedure*</u>, which 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.</u>

Please send questions to Maureen Long at maureen.long@nerc.net or call 813-468-5998.

Sincerely, Maureen E. Long

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