

Standards Announcement

Five-Year Review of FAC Standards

Comment Period: August 1, 2013 – September 16, 2013

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A 45-day comment period for six Five-Year Review recommendations and one Standard Authorization Request (SAR) is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, September 16, 2013**. The following documents have been posted:

1. Five-Year Review Draft Recommendation to Revise FAC-001-1: Facility Connection Requirements
2. Five-Year Review Draft Recommendation to Revise FAC-002-1: Coordination of Plans for New Facilities
3. Standard Authorization Request Form for Connecting New Facilities to the Bulk Electric System (FAC-001-1 and FAC-002-1)*
4. Five-Year Review Draft Recommendation to Affirm FAC-003-3: Transmission Vegetation Management Program
5. Five-Year Review Draft Recommendation to Affirm FAC-008-3: Facility Ratings
6. Five-Year Review Draft Recommendation to Affirm FAC-013-2: Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-term Transmission Planning Horizon
7. Five-Year Review Draft Recommendation to Delay Review of FAC-010-2.1: System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon, FAC-011-2: System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon, and FAC-014-2: Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits

NERC is obligated to conduct periodic reviews on each of its standards to determine whether the standard should be reaffirmed, revised, or withdrawn. While many of the standards in the FAC (Facilities Design, Connection, and Maintenance) family have been modified recently, the FAC Five-Year Review Team reviewed all FAC standards as a group to identify opportunities for consolidation and additional improvements.

*Please note that the Standard Authorization Request is posted to provide information on the scope of revisions proposed in the draft recommendations for FAC-001-1 and FAC-002-1. Any changes to a standard will ultimately be made through the formal standards development process.

Stakeholders should review all posted documents – the original standards, the Five-Year Review Team’s recommendations, and the associated Standard Authorization Request – before offering feedback. Please contact Standards Developer Mallory Huggins or [one of the members of the Five-Year Review Team](#) with questions or for additional information.

Instructions for Commenting

The comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, September 16, 2013**. Please use the electronic forms to submit comments: [click here](#) for the comment form for the standards being recommended for revisions (FAC-001-1 and FAC-002-1) and [click here](#) for the comment form for the standards being recommended for affirmation or delayed review (FAC-003-3, FAC-008-3, FAC-010-2.1, FAC-011-2, FAC-013-2, and FAC-014-2). If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic forms, please contact [Wendy Muller](#). Off-line, unofficial copies of the comment forms are posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

When the comment period ends, the Five-Year Review Team will review all comments received, finalize the recommendations and SAR accordingly, and present them to the Standards Committee. If the Standards Committee accepts them, the recommendations to revise will be used to begin formal development, and a standard drafting team will be formed. Recommendations to affirm will be presented to the NERC Board of Trustees for adoption. The delayed reviews will begin when FERC acts on the related TOP and TPL standards.

Standards Development Process

The [Standard 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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