

Revised Standards Announcement Project 2006-02 Assess Transmission and Future Needs Successive Ballot and Non-Binding Poll Now Open May 18 – 31, 2011

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A successive ballot for the proposed standard, TPL-001-2 — Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements, and a concurrent, non-binding poll of the revised VRFs and VSLs are being conducted through **8:00 pm Eastern on Tuesday, May 31, 2011**.

Since the last time this standard was balloted was prior to the approval of footnote 'b', a redline showing all changes made to the standard since the last balloted version of the standard has been added to the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Assess-Transmission-Future-Needs.html

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.

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments With a Ballot or Non-Binding Poll

Comments submitted with ballots are extremely valuable to help the drafting team revise its work. In an effort to reduce the burden on stakeholders providing comments, the drafting team requests that all comments (both those submitted with a ballot and those submitted by stakeholders not balloting) be submitted through the electronic comment form. Note that question 2 asks specifically about revisions the team has made to the VRFs and VSLs, and members of the ballot pool who wish to enter comments to support their opinion in the non-binding poll may provide them in response to question 2.

This approach will ensure that stakeholders only provide a single set of comments, but have an opportunity to notify the drafting team if they have provided comments. During the successive ballot window, 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. When submitting a ballot with comments, simply record a "Comments submitted" in the comments field of the ballot to indicate that comments were submitted.

Documents for this project, including an off-line unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment forms are posted at the following site: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Assess-Transmission-Future-Needs.html

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period, ballot, and non-binding poll, and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan

Background

TPL-001-2 is designed to be a single, comprehensive, and coordinated standard that merges the requirements of four existing standards: TPL-001-0, TPL-002-0, TPL-003-0, and TPL-004-0. The proposed standard includes several new definitions. The purpose of the proposed standard is to establish transmission system planning performance requirements within the planning horizon to develop a bulk electric system that will operate reliably over a broad spectrum of system conditions and following a wide range of probable contingencies.

The AFTN SDT solicited comments from the industry on the fifth posting of the revised TPL-001-2 through an informal comment period that ended on September 2, 2010. The team revised the standard in response to comments received, and posted Draft 6 for information, while awaiting the outcome of Project 2010-11 TPL
Table 1 (footnote 'b'). The revisions to Table 1 footnote 'b' have been approved by the NERC Board of Trustees and filed with FERC. The AFTN SDT adopted the technical tenets of the final solution for footnote 'b' for inclusion in TPL-001-2.

Additional information about this project is available on the project page at: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Assess-Transmission-Future-Needs.html.

Standards Development Process

The <u>Standard Processes Manual</u> 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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