



Standards Announcement

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Comment Period for Project 2006-04 — Backup Facilities Opens August 26, 2008

The Backup Facilities Standard Drafting Team has posted its second draft of a set of proposed requirements for EOP-008-1 — Loss of Control Center Functionality for a 45-day comment period through October 9, 2008.

The purpose of the standard is to ensure continued reliable operations of the Bulk Electric System in the event that a control center becomes inoperable.

In the first draft, the drafting team made many changes to this “Version 0” standard to add more specificity to the requirements and to address issues raised by FERC in Order 693. The second draft of EOP-008-1 includes significant changes based on comments received from the industry, such as the following:

- A revision to the applicability of the Transmission Operator. This was done to attempt to eliminate the burden on a Transmission Operator that just has a radial connection to the Bulk Electric System under 200 kV unless the Regional Entity deems them as a critical part of the Interconnection.
- Changing the transition time periods so that they are equivalent for all applicable entities.
- A short description of what needs to be in the Operating Process for the transition time period.

The second draft also includes Violation Risk Factors, Time Horizons, Measures, Compliance elements, including Violation Severity Levels, and an Implementation Plan.

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Barbara Bogenrief at 609-452-8060.

If you need an off-line, unofficial copy of the questions in the comment form, a copy is posted at the following site:

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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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