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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Comment Period Opens

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

Draft Standards for Available Transfer Capability (Project 2006-07) Posted for 45-day Comment Period October 31–December 14, 2007

The ATC Standard Drafting Team has posted a revised set of standards related to the determination of [Available Transfer Capability](#) (ATC) and an associated [implementation plan](#) for a 45-day comment period. This set of standards is aimed at ensuring the consistent and transparent calculation, verification, and use of Capacity Benefit Margin (CBM), Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM), Total Transfer Capability (TTC), Available Flowgate Capability (AFC), and Available Transfer Capability (ATC). The standards have been revised based on stakeholder comments, coordination with NAESB, and the directives in the FERC Orders 693 and 890. The six standards posted for review include:

- [MOD-001](#) — Available Transfer Capability — An “umbrella” standard requires the selection of a methodology, the updating of values, and the sharing of procedures and data.
- [MOD-004](#) — Capacity Benefit Margin — A standard that describes the requesting, calculation, and use of CBM.
- [MOD-008](#) — Transmission Reliability Margin — A standard that describes the calculation and use of TRM.
- [MOD-028](#) — Area Interchange Methodology (formerly called the Network Response ATC Methodology) — A standard that describes the calculation of TTC and ATC, as performed primarily in the Eastern Interconnection.
- [MOD-029](#) — Rated System Path Methodology — A standard that describes the calculation of TTC and ATC, as performed primarily in the Western Interconnection
- [MOD-030](#) — Flowgate Methodology (formerly called the Network Response Flowgate Methodology) — A standard that describes the calculation of TFC and AFC, as well as the conversion of those values to TTC and ATC

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Because the modifications made to the standards are so extensive, no “redline” versions of the standards have been developed. Many of the changes made to the standards added details to comply with the directives in FERC Orders 693 and 890. To assist in reviewing the standards, the drafting team has assembled a table that includes the relevant [FERC directives](#) and identifies the standard and requirement that addresses that directive. Please use the [comment form](#) to provide comments on this set of standards and the associated implementation plan.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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