

## Updated Standards Announcement Comment Period Open January 7–28, 2009

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**UPDATE:** It was noted by an industry participant that the first sentence of the discussion of MOD-001 R8 is incorrect. The sentence, which originally read: Requirement R8 specifies that the Transmission Service Provider's calculation of ATC or AFC shall use assumptions no more limiting than those used in the planning of operations.

Has been modified such that it now reads: Requirement R8 specifies that the Transmission Service Provider's calculation of ATC or AFC shall occur on a periodic schedule.

We apologize for any confusion that this may have inadvertently caused.

### **ATC VRF Analysis and Recommendations Report (Project 2006-07)**

On August 26, 2008, the NERC Board of Trustees (Board) met by conference call to consider approving five ATC-related standards (MOD-001-1, MOD-008-1, MOD-028-1, MOD-029-1, and MOD-030-1) that were approved by the industry stakeholders in accordance to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure. During this meeting, the Board approved the proposed standards for filing with FERC except for the Violation Risk Factor (VRF) assignments for the requirements in the five standards. Subsequently, on November 13, 2008, the NERC Board of Trustees met by conference call to consider approving another ATC-related standard (MOD-004-1) that was approved by the industry stakeholders in accordance to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure. During this meeting, the Board similarly approved the proposed standards for filing with the FERC, but did not approve the VRF assignments.

The Board directed that a review be undertaken that would:

- reconcile the proposed VRF assignments for the ATC standards with VRF assignments for other standard requirements on which the Commission has already ruled;
- develop guidance on what constitutes a “direct” impact on the Bulk Power System (BPS), a necessary criterion for a requirement to merit a “Medium” VRF assignment;
- reconcile the “direct impact” guidance to previous decisions of the Commission; and
- include the opportunity for stakeholder review and comment on the analysis.

Accordingly, NERC staff has prepared an analysis of the VRFs as directed by the Board and presented the information to the Standards Committee for use in fulfilling the Board directive. The Standards Committee agreed to present this information for stakeholder review using the comment processes for standard development that are familiar to the industry. This analysis is now presented for stakeholder review and comment. After comments are considered by NERC staff and the standard drafting team, the final analysis accompanied by standard drafting opinion and stakeholder comments will be provided to the Board.

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Lauren Koller at 609-524-7047.

The status, purpose, and supporting documents for this project — including an off-line, unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment form — are 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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