

## Standards Announcement- **Update**

Project 2007-02 – Operating Personnel Communications Protocols  
Formal Comment Period and RSAW Posted for Industry Comments: January 2 –  
31, 2014  
Additional Ballot and Non-binding Poll: January 22 – 31, 2014

### [Now Available](#)

A **30-day** formal comment period for **COM-002-4 – Operating Personnel Communication Protocols** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, January 31, 2014**. An additional ballot of COM-002-4 and a non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs will be conducted beginning on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, January 31, 2014**.

**On December 11, 2013, the NERC Standards Committee authorized a waiver of the standard process, in accordance with Section 16 of the Standard Processes Manual, to shorten this comment period from 45 days to 30 days with a ballot during the last 10 days of the comment period to meet the NERC Board of Trustees requested deadline. A link to the waiver request is available on the project page.**

In response to comments received during the last comment period for COM-002-4 and other input, the drafting team has created a new communications standard, which requires the use of standardized communication protocols during normal and emergency operations to improve situational awareness and shorten response time.

Background information for this project can be found on the [project page](#).

### **Instructions for Commenting**

A formal comment period on the draft standard is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, January 31, 2014**. Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact [Arielle Cunningham](#). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

**A comment period on the draft RSAW is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, January 31, 2014. The draft RSAW is posted on the [project page](#). Please submit comments on the draft RSAW using the RSAW comment form to [RSAWfeedback@nerc.net](mailto:RSAWfeedback@nerc.net).**

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