

Standards Announcement

Project 2007-03 Real-Time Transmission Operations

Formal Comment Period Open: March 22, 2012 – April 20, 2012

Ballot Windows Open – Three Successive Ballots, and Two Non-binding

Polls: April 11–20, 2012

Now Available

The Real-time Operations Standards Drafting Team has made revisions to three standards and the associated VRFs, VSLs, and implementation plan in response to stakeholder comments from the last posting and quality review of each standard:

- TOP-001-2 Transmission Operations (significant changes made to last posted version)
- TOP-002-3 Operations Planning (no significant changes made to last posted version)
- TOP-003-2 Operational Reliability Data (significant changes made to last posted version)

The drafting team did make significant changes to all three standards following the comment and ballot period that ended on January 12, 2012 and the team has posted the revised standards and implementation plan for a successive comment/ballot period.

The implementation plan addresses all three proposed TOP standards and associated retirements and is not easily associated with a single proposed TOP standard. Since the most significant modifications to the implementation plan are associated with TOP-003-2, the comment form and ballot for TOP-003-2 will include the implementation plan.

Clean and redline versions of TOP-001-2, TOP-002-3, and TOP-003-2, the associated implementation plan, and the VRFs and VSLs are posted for a formal 30-day comment period through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, April 20, 2012. Successive ballots of the three standards, and non-binding polls of the VRFs and VSLs associated with TOP-001-2 and TOP-003-2, will begin on Wednesday, April 11 and end on Friday, April 20, 2012. (There were no changes to the Requirements or associated VRFs and VSLs for TOP-002-3 thus there is no need to conduct another non-binding poll of these VRFs and VSLs.)

Note: The SDT is recommending that three requirements in PRC-001-1 be retired because those requirements deal with data requirements covered in the proposed TOP-003-2. The mapping document for the project shows each of the requirements in the approved standard(s) and the disposition of the requirement in the new standards. Clean and redline versions of PRC-001-2, showing the retired requirements, have been posted on the project page. The ballot of the conforming changes to PRC-001 is associated with the approval of TOP-003-2 and the implementation plan for this project.

Note that TOP-001-2, TOP-002-3, and TOP-003-2 reflect the merging of the following standards into a single standard, making it impractical to post a “redline” of the three proposed standards that shows the changes to the last balloted versions of these standards. The last approved versions of the standards listed below, as well as a redline showing the proposed modifications to PRC-001-1 have been posted on the project’s web page for easy reference.

- PER-001-0 Operating Personnel Responsibility and Authority
- PRC-001-1 System Protection Coordination
- TOP-001-1 Reliability Responsibilities and Authorities
- TOP-002-2a Normal Operations Planning
- TOP-003-1 Planned Outage Coordination
- TOP-004-2 Transmission Operations
- TOP-005-2 Operational Reliability Information
- TOP-006-2 Monitoring System Conditions
- TOP-007-0 Reporting SOL and IROL Violations
- TOP-008-1 Response to Transmission Limit Violations

Instructions for Submitting Comments

Please use this electronic form to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period, the ballot and the non-binding polls use the same electronic form. Therefore, it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. Companies or entities with representatives in multiple segments of the ballot pool may submit a single set of comments by identifying themselves as a “group” on the comment form. Likewise, it is **preferable** for a group of separate entities that develop comments jointly to submit the comments as a “group.” **The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form, and that companies in multiple segments as well as individual entities that develop joint comments with other entities submit their comments as a “group,” with the list of group members and their associated Industry Segments.**

Next Steps

Three individual successive ballots (one for each standard) and two non-binding polls will be conducted beginning on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 and ending at 8 p.m. ET on Friday, April 20, 2012.

The standards are being balloted individually to provide stakeholders an opportunity to cast separate ballots for each standard. The individual ballots will provide the drafting team better feedback on

which standards require additional development to achieve stakeholder consensus. Stakeholders are encouraged to consider each standard on its own merits and cast individual ballots, rather than casting the same ballot for both standards, in order to assist the drafting team with evaluating which standards require additional development to achieve consensus.

Background

The Project 2007-03 drafting team has attempted to eliminate redundancy in the Transmission Operations (TOP) family of standards. As part of this process, the drafting team has made an effort to reorganize the standards and requirements in a more logical manner. The team has also made revisions to address outstanding Order 693 directives.

Standards Development Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) 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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