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## Standards Announcement

### Project 2007-07 Transmission Vegetation Management Successive Formal Comment Period Open January 27, 2010 – February 28, 2011

#### Now available at:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Vegetation-Management\\_Project\\_2007-7.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Vegetation-Management_Project_2007-7.html)

A 30-day formal comment period for the proposed standard, FAC-003-2 – Transmission Vegetation Management, its associated implementation plan, and supporting technical reference paper is now open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on February 28, 2011.**

#### Background

FAC-003-1 is being revised to address several fill-in-the-blank requirements, directives from Order 693, and issues raised by stakeholders. An initial ballot closed in July 2010. The ballot achieved a quorum of 86.18 % and an approval of 65.93 %. The drafting team has posted its Consideration of Comments received (those submitted with a ballot as well as those submitted with a comment form). A Quality Review was conducted in November 2010 and the drafting team has revised the draft standard and technical reference in response to comments and input from the Quality Review.

Documents for this project, including clean and redline to the last posted versions of the standard, implementation plan, and technical reference and an unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment forms are posted at the following site:

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#### Instructions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments on FAC-003-2, its associated implementation plan, and supporting technical reference paper. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

#### Next Steps – Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll of VRFs and VSLs

A successive ballot will be conducted during the last 10 days of the formal comment period, from 8 a.m. Eastern on Friday, February 18, 2011 until 8p.m. Eastern on Monday, February 28, 2011. All members of the ballot pool must cast a new ballot since the votes and comments from the last ballot will not be carried over. In addition, members of the ballot pool will need to cast a new opinion on the revised VRFs and VSLs. The drafting team will consider all comments (those submitted with a comment form, and those submitted with a ballot or with the non-binding poll) and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan.

## 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](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

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