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## Standards Announcement

### Two Comment Periods Open

Now available at:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Reliability\\_Standards\\_Under\\_Development.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Reliability_Standards_Under_Development.html)

#### **SAR and Standard for FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings (Project 2009-06)**

The Facility Ratings Standard Drafting Team has posted the proposed Standards Authorization Request (SAR) for modifications to the Facility Ratings along with the proposed version of FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings for a 45-day comment period beginning on January 20, 2009 and **ending on March 5, 2009**.

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: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project\\_2009-06\\_Facility\\_Ratings.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project_2009-06_Facility_Ratings.html)

#### **Background**

The revisions to these two standards will result in a single standard (FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings) that is responsive to the recommended changes identified in the Standard Review Guidelines attached to this SAR and to two of the three applicable FERC directives in Order 693.

The proposed changes to FAC-008-1 and FAC-009-1 have already been through stakeholder review and reached consensus in 2008 on all requirements except Requirement R7 developed to meet the FERC directive in Order 693 that required identification of the most limiting component of a facility and the theoretical increase in rating if the limitation were removed. Stakeholders indicated that Requirement R7 did not have a reliability-related benefit, and voted against the inclusion of a requirement to meet this directive. Thus, this SAR proposes the same standard that was developed and balloted in late 2008, but without Requirement R7.

#### **SAR and Supporting Document for Reliability of Protection Systems (Project 2009-07)**

The Standards Committee has posted a proposed SAR and Technical Paper for Reliability of Protection Systems for a 30-day comment period beginning on January 20, 2009 and **ending on February 18, 2009**.

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: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-07\\_Reliability\\_of\\_Protection\\_Systems.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-07_Reliability_of_Protection_Systems.html)

## **Background**

While the current Transmission Planning (TPL) series of NERC Reliability Standards generally address system design considerations related to system contingencies, those considerations are not adequate to address the complexities of Protection System performance for equipment failures within the Protection System itself. The drafting team will work to draft a standard to require facility owners to have protection systems installed such that the failure of one of the specified components of a protection system would not prevent meeting the Bulk Electric System performance specified in the TPL standards.

## **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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