

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-11– TPL Table 1 Order
TPL-002-2b, footnote 'b' and TPL-001-3, footnote 12

Recirculation Ballot is now open through 8 p.m. Thursday, January 31, 2013

Now Available

A recirculation ballot is now open for revisions to a single footnote that is incorporated into two standards (**TPL-002-2b**– System Performance Following Loss of a Single BES Element for footnote 'b', and **TPL-001-3** – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for footnote 12) through **8 p.m. Eastern Thursday, January, 31, 2013**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE (PLEASE READ): This recirculation ballot includes a substantive change to **TPL-002-2b** (formerly referred to as TPL-002-1c), footnote b and **TPL-001-3** (formerly referred to as TPL-001-2a), footnote 12 to address applicability to registered entities in Canada and Mexico. The change adds text to the footnotes and Attachment 1 that addresses jurisdictional differences – specifically, that the 75 MW limit on planned, non-consequential load loss included in the footnotes and Attachment would not apply to Canadian or Mexican registered entities. The inclusion of this substantive change during a recirculation ballot was approved by the Standards Committee as a deviation from the Standard Processes Manual to provide NERC with an opportunity to meet a February 2013 deadline from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Please also note that NERC has identified that the drafting team was given incorrect guidance on the proper numbering of the standards to account for the revision to be consistent with the [NERC Standards Numbering Convention](#). The standards versions have been updated to reflect the appropriate numbering convention and are now identified as TPL-002-2b and TPL-001-3.

Instructions

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their previously cast votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member's vote cast in the previous ballot will be carried over as that member's vote in the recirculation ballot.

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the footnote by clicking [here](#).

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the footnote will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption and then filed with the appropriate regulatory authorities.

Background

FERC Order No. 762, issued April 19, 2012, remanded TPL-002-0b to NERC as vague, unenforceable and not responsive to the previous Commission directives on this matter. The Standards Committee directed the Standards Drafting Team (SDT) to revise footnote 'b' in accordance with the directives of Orders No. 693 and 762. The SDT was also charged with revising the corresponding footnote 12 of TPL-001-2 in order to prevent the remand of TPL-001-2.

In revising the footnotes, the SDT adopted a philosophy of minimal changes to the actual footnote itself. This was done to minimize confusion as to what was changed, for ease of reading and following the footnote, and for formatting within the actual standards documents. Instead, the SDT revised the footnote by developing an attachment to the footnote containing changes in response to the Commission orders. It should be noted that attachments to standards are an extension of the Requirements and thus are binding to applicable entities.

Project 2010-11 is an important part of the ERO's strategic goal to be responsive to regulatory authority directives in an expeditious manner in order to reduce the amount of standards-related directives and to provide an adequate level of reliability.

Additional information can be found on the [project page](#).

Standards Development Process

The [Standards Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process, including the appeals 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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