

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2015-08 Emergency Operations

**Standard Drafting Team Nomination Period Open through August 4, 2015**

### [Now Available](#)

Nominations are being sought for standard drafting team members through **8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, August 4, 2015.**

Use the [electronic form](#) to submit a nomination. An unofficial Word version of the nomination form is posted on the [Standard Drafting Team Vacancies](#) page and the [project page](#).

By submitting a nomination form, you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in the review or drafting team meetings if appointed by the Standards Committee. If appointed, you are expected to attend most of the face-to-face drafting team meetings, as well as participate in all the team meetings held via conference calls.

The time commitment for these projects is expected to be up to two face-to-face meetings per quarter (on average two full working days each meeting) with conference calls scheduled as needed to meet the agreed-upon timeline the drafting team sets forth. Drafting teams also will have side projects, either individually or by subgroup, to present to the larger team for discussion and review. Lastly, an important component of the drafting team efforts is outreach. Members of the team should be conducting outreach during development prior to posting to ensure all issues can be discussed and resolved.

Previous drafting team experience is beneficial, but not required. A brief description of the desired qualifications, expected commitment, and other pertinent information is included below.

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The purpose of this project is to implement the recommendations of the Periodic Review Team (PRT) that resulted from the PRT's review of a subset of Emergency Operations (EOP) Standards. The Periodic Review comprehensively reviewed EOP-004, EOP-005, EOP-006 and EOP-008 to evaluate, for example, whether the requirements are clear and unambiguous. The Periodic Review included developing a recommendation based upon the language of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) Order no. 749<sup>1</sup> as follows:

“[N]ERC, in its comments about the term, states that it “could promote the development of a guideline to aid registered entities in complying with Requirement R11.” The Commission notes that this Reliability Standard will not become effective for at least 24 months, during which time ambiguities in language or differences of opinion among affected entities may be resolved in practical ways. Once the Standard is effective, if industry

determines that ambiguity with the term arises, it would be appropriate for NERC to consider its proposal to develop a guideline to aid entities in their compliance obligations.”<sup>2</sup>

The Periodic Review also included background information, along with associated worksheets and reference documents, to guide a comprehensive review that resulted in a Standard Authorization Request (SAR) based on the following PRT’s recommendations:

- EOP-004-2 – (1) Revise the standard and attachment and (2) retire Requirement R3;
- EOP-005-2 – Revise the standard;
- EOP-006-2 – (1) Revise the standard and (2) retire Requirements Parts R1.2, R1.3, and R1.4; and
- EOP-008-1 – Revise the standard.

### Next Steps

The Standards Committee is expected to begin appointing members to the standard drafting team for Project 2015-08 in August 2015. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed to the standard drafting team.

For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

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