

Standards Announcement

Project 2018-03 Standards Efficiency Review Retirements

Formal Comment Period Open through January 13, 2021

Ballot Pools Forming through December 29, 2020

[Now Available](#)

A 45-day comment period for **FAC-008-5 – Facility Ratings** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, January 13, 2021**.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. If you experience issues using the SBS, contact [Wendy Muller](#). An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Ballot Pools

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, December 29, 2020**. Registered Ballot Body members can join the ballot pools [here](#).

- Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.
- Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.
- The SBS **is not** supported for use on mobile devices.
- Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.

Next Steps

The initial ballot for the standard and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, will be conducted **January 4-13, 2021**.

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

For more information or assistance, contact Standards Developer, [Laura Anderson](#) (via email) or at (404) 446-9671.

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