

Standards Announcement

Project 2006-06 Reliability Coordination

Three Ballot Windows and Three Non-binding Poll Windows Now Open
January 30 - February 8, 2012

[Now Available](#)

Ballot windows are open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, February 8, 2012** for three successive ballots (one for each of the following standards and the associated implementation plans) and three non-binding polls of the VRFs and VSLs associated with each standard:

- COM-001-2 – Communications
- COM-002-3 – Communication and Coordination
- IRO-001-3 – Reliability Coordination – Responsibilities and Authorities

Clean and redline versions of each standard and the associated implementation plan and VRFs and VSLs are posted on the [project webpage](#). In addition, the following supporting materials have been posted on the project page:

- Mapping Document for each standard - Identifies each requirement in the approved version of the standard and how the requirement has been treated in the current draft.
- VRF and VSL Justification – Identifies how the proposed VRFs and VSLs for each standard meet NERC and FERC guidelines.
- Last approved versions of COM-001 and COM-002 – Because the changes from the last approved versions of these two standards are so extensive, a redline showing changes against that last approved version is not useful. The last approved versions are posted as a convenience to stakeholders.

Instructions for Balloting

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their votes for the standards and opinions for the non-binding polls from the following page:

<https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>.

Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, February 8, 2012**. Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments With a Ballot or Non-binding Poll

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period, the ballots for the standards,

and the non-binding polls of VRFs and VSLs all use the same electronic form, and will be compiled into a single report with duplicate comments submitted by the same entity removed and duplicate comments submitted by multiple entities consolidated. **Therefore, it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form.**

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments submitted to determine whether to make additional revisions to the standards.

Background

The Reliability Coordination Standards Drafting Team was tasked with 1) ensuring that the reliability-related requirements applicable to the Reliability Coordinator are clear, measurable, unique, and enforceable; 2) ensuring that this set of requirements is sufficient to maintain reliability of the Bulk Electric System; and 3) revising the group of standards based on FERC Order 693.

During the course of this project, the Reliability Coordination Standards Drafting Team incorporated changes due to the work of the IROL Standards Drafting Team. Two standards from the original Standards Authorization Request (PER-004 and PRC-001) were moved to other projects due to scope overlap. In addition, the scope of Project 2006-06 was expanded to incorporate directives from FERC Order 693 associated with standard IRO-003-2.

The following three standards that are part of this project were approved by the ballot pool and were adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees in August 2012: IRO-002-3 Reliability Coordination – Analysis Tools; IRO-005-4 - Reliability Coordination-Current Day Operations; and IRO-014-2 – Coordination Among Reliability Coordinators. Additional information is available on the [project webpage](#).

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.

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