

## Standards Announcement

Project 2009-19

Interpretation of BAL-002-0 - NWPP Reserve Sharing Group

Successive Ballot Window Open through 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2012

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A successive ballot for the Interpretation of BAL-002-0 - Disturbance Control Performance Requirements R4 and R5 for NWPP Reserve Sharing Group is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.**

### Instructions

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

**Please read carefully:** All stakeholders with comments (both members of the ballot pool as well as other stakeholders, including groups such as trade associations and committees) must submit comments through the [electronic comment form](#). During the ballot window, balloters who wish to submit comments with their ballot may no longer enter comments on the balloting screen, but may still enter the comments through the electronic comment form. **Balloters who wish to express support for comments submitted by another entity or group will have an opportunity to enter that information and are not required to answer any other questions.**

### Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period and successive ballot and, if needed, make revisions to the interpretation. If the comments do not show the need for significant revisions, the standard will proceed to a recirculation ballot.

### Background

Northwest Power Pool Reserve Sharing Group (NWPP) submitted a request for interpretation asking for clarification in three specific areas of BAL-002-0 Disturbance Control Performance. The specific areas NWPP is requesting clarification on are; 1) although a Disturbance that exceeds the most severe single Contingency must be reported by the Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group (as applicable), is the Disturbance excluded from compliance evaluation for the applicable Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group; 2) with respect to either simultaneous Contingencies or non-simultaneous multiple Contingencies affecting a Reserve Sharing Group, the exclusion from compliance evaluation for Disturbances exceeding the most severe single Contingency applies both when (a) all

Contingencies occur within a single Balancing Authority member of the Reserve Sharing Group and (b) different Balancing Authorities within the Reserve Sharing Group experience separate Contingencies that occur simultaneously, or non-simultaneously but before the end of the Disturbance Recovery Period following the first Reportable Disturbance; and 3) the meaning of the phrase “excluded from compliance evaluation” as used in Section 1.4 (“Additional Compliance Information”) of Part D of BAL-002-0 and for purposes of the preceding statements is that, with respect to Disturbances that exceed the most severe single Contingency for a Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group (as applicable), a violation of BAL-002-0 does not occur even if ACE is not recovered within the Disturbance Recovery Period (15 minutes unless adjusted pursuant to BAL-002-0, R4.2).

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

### **Standards Development Process**

The [Standards 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.

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