

Standards Announcement

Revisions to Outstanding VRFs and VSLs

[Available Now:](#)
[Consideration of Comments](#)
[Final Revisions](#)

Final revisions (or additional justification) for a set of outstanding VRFs and VSLs have been posted to the project page. Additionally, NERC staff has posted a consideration of comments form indicating how it responded to stakeholder feedback submitted during a 45-day comment period that ended on October 19, 2012. The modified assignments received 73% approval, and NERC staff reviewed all comments and incorporated suggested revisions that added clarity or better conformed to a FERC or NERC Guideline.

Next Steps

The revisions will be presented to NERC's Board of Trustees for adoption on a conference call on December 19, 2012. If adopted, the revisions will be filed with applicable regulatory authorities by February 2013.

Background

NERC standards, legal, and enforcement staff have collaborated with FERC staff to review a set of outstanding VRFs and VSLs for revision or further justification. In general, the VRFs and VSLs require revision in order to reflect the NERC and FERC [VRF guidelines](#) and [VSL guidelines](#) finalized between 2007 and 2009. FERC staff identified VRFs and VSLs in need of modification or further justification and presented them to NERC staff, offering an opportunity for review and modification before the Commission issues a final order.

As has been the practice with VSL-specific revision projects in the past, the revisions were posted for industry comment and a non-binding poll that ended October 23, 2012. This practice has been adopted for projects such as this one, that are limited to revising VRFs and VSLs, because it provides an opportunity for stakeholder input that is consistent with that for VRFs and VSLs developed in conjunction with a specific standards project.

This project represents a significant collaborative effort among FERC staff, NERC staff, and industry reviewers to eliminate the need for a formal FERC order with directives. Rather, a results-based solution was reached through an informal collaborative process.

More information is available on the [project page](#). If you have any questions, contact Mallory Huggins at mallory.huggins@nerc.net or (202) 644-8062.

*For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson,
Standards Process Administrator, at monica.benson@nerc.net or at 404-446-2560.*

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
3353 Peachtree Rd NE
Suite 600, North Tower
Atlanta, GA 30326
404-446-2560 | www.nerc.com