

September 17, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Announcement: Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool Open September 17, 2007**

**The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards actions:**

**Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool for Urgent Action Revisions to BAL-004 Open September 17, 2007**

The NERC Operating Committee has submitted an [Urgent Action SAR](#) to revise BAL-004-0 — Time Error Correction to remove the following from BAL-004:

- **Requirement 1, second sentence:** A single Reliability Coordinator in each Interconnection shall be designated by the NERC Operating Committee to serve as Interconnection Time Monitor.
  - **Reason for removal:** The entities who have been serving as the Interconnection Time Monitors have done so voluntarily. The NERC Operating is not a user, owner, or operator and has no authority to assign a reliability coordinator to serve as the Interconnection Time Monitor. The entities who have been serving as “volunteers” don’t want to continue to serve in this role if they are subject to sanctions for non-compliance with Requirement 2, which supports a business practice.
- **Requirement 2:** The Interconnection Time Monitor shall monitor Time Error and shall initiate or terminate corrective action orders in accordance with the NAESB Time Error Correction Procedure.
  - **Reason for removal:** This requires the Reliability Coordinator to execute a time error correction in accordance with a NAESB business practice.

A new [ballot pool](#) to vote on the revisions to BAL-004 has been formed and will remain open up until 8 a.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, October 17 2007. During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” The list server for this ballot pool is called: [bp-ua\\_sar\\_bal-004\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-ua_sar_bal-004_in@nerc.com)

The initial ballot for the removal of the Urgent Action revisions to BAL-004 will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 through 8 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, October 26, 2007.

**Standards Development Process**

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) 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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or [maureen.long@nerc.net](mailto:maureen.long@nerc.net).

Sincerely,

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