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Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Window Open Project 2010-10 – Facility Ratings Order 729 January 14-23, 2011

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A recirculation ballot window for standard FAC-013-2 — Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon is open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, January 23, 2011.**

Instructions

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their prior votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member's last vote cast in the successive ballot that ended on January 8, 2011 will be carried over and used to determine if there are sufficient affirmative votes for this standard to pass.

This is an extremely important ballot, as NERC is responding to a FERC directive that requires submitting modifications to FAC-012 and FAC-013 by January 28, 2011 to support the implementation of the ATC standards that were approved in 2009 and 2010. We encourage all members of the ballot pool to review the following information and the revised standard before casting a ballot.

There were several comments submitted during the last comment/ballot period that proposed clarifying changes to the standard resulting in the drafting team making the following changes.

- The proposed definition of Year One was moved from project 2006-02 – Assess Transmission and Future Needs to this project as the term “Year One” is used in the proposed definition of “Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon.”
- The Purpose statement was revised to better align with the intent of the requirements.
- The qualifying phrase, ‘long-term’ was added to clarify the intent of the scope of planned outages that must be addressed in the Planning Transfer methodology.
- Requirement R2, Part 2.2 was confusing as it linked responses to requests for assessment results with requests for the methodology. The team revised Part 2.2 to focus solely on distribution of the methodology, and revised Requirement R5 to address requests for assessment results, subject to

confidentiality rules.

- The VSLs for R1 were clarified, and an error in the VSLs for R2 was corrected.
- The team removed capitalization from the word, “methodology” as this is not a defined term.

The Standard Processes Manual allows drafting teams to make changes following an initial or successive ballot with a goal of improving the quality of a standard, provided those changes do not alter the applicability or scope of the proposed standard. The above changes fall into this category, as none of them change the scope, or applicability of the set of requirements. A redline version of the standard showing the modifications has been posted for stakeholder review.

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. This standard is scheduled to be submitted to the Board of Trustees on January 24, 2011, and filed for regulatory approval by January 28, 2011.

Project Background

The proposed standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 729 as well as stakeholder comments received during an initial formal comment period and ballot. In Order 729, FERC ruled that the ATC standards developed in Project 2006-07 did not completely address the topics covered in FAC-012 and -013 and did not fully address the associated directives from Order 693. Accordingly, FERC denied the portions of the implementation plan that would have retired these standards, and instead directed NERC to use the standards development process to make changes to the FAC standards and file those changes with FERC no later than 60 days prior to the effective date of the standards, which is April 1, 2011 (requiring the proposed changes to be filed on or before January 28, 2011).

Further details are available on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10_FAC_Order_729.html

Standards 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.

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