

# Standards Announcement

## Technical Conferences on R Revisions to TOP and IRO Standards

Comment Period Now Open through March 24, 2014

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NERC recently held two technical conferences to obtain industry input on issues identified in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) proposing to remand standards pertaining to real-time operations and reliability coordination (TOP and IRO standards). In response to this NOPR, NERC filed a motion requesting that FERC defer action until January 31, 2015 to allow NERC and the industry time to consider the issues identified in the NOPR and develop revisions as needed to address them, and FERC granted NERC's motion.

Two presentations from these technical conferences are posted on the Project 2014-03 Revisions to TOP and IRO Reliability Standards project page. The first presentation was used to facilitate a discussion of each of the issues identified in the NOPR. For each issue, a slide showing the language from the proposed standards along with a brief excerpt from the NOPR (along with the paragraph number) was prepared. The second presentation contains notes of key points from the discussion at both technical conferences, on each issue in the first presentation.

NERC is requesting industry comments on the topics discussed during the conferences or suggestions for further consideration of issues identified in the NOPR. These comments will be posted on the project webpage as part of the development record and considered by the drafting team for Project 2014-03 Revisions to TOP and IRO Reliability Standards as it develops revisions to the standards.

Please use the [electronic comment form](#) to submit comments on the issues discussed during two Technical Conferences on Revisions to TOP and IRO Reliability Standards. Comments must be submitted by **8:00 p.m. Eastern on March 24, 2014**. If you have questions please contact [Ed Dobrowolski](#) (email) or by telephone at (609) 947-3673.

If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact [Wendy Muller](#). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

For information on the **Standards Development Process**, please refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

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