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Standards Announcement

Project 2006-02 Assess Transmission Future Needs

Ballot Pool Window Open: April 18 – May 18, 2011

Successive Formal Comment Period Open: April 18 – May 31, 2011

Now available at: <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Assess-Transmission-Future-Needs.html>

The standard drafting team working on Project 2006-02 (ATFN SDT) is seeking comments on revisions to TPL-001-2 after submitting Draft 6 of the standard and supporting documents for quality review, and now that TPL Table 1 footnote 'b' changes have been approved by the ballot pool and filed with FERC. Clean and redline versions of the standard showing revisions since the last posting, along with the associated implementation plan, are posted on the project page. No redline of the implementation plan has been posted since only formatting changes have been made since the last posting.

Ballot Pool Open through 8 a.m. on May 18, 2011

A new ballot pool is being formed for the balloting of revisions to TPL-001-2. The Standards Committee has authorized posting the standard and implementation plan for a formal comment period with a successive ballot and concurrent non-binding poll conducted during the last 10 days of that comment period. The Standards Committee also authorized forming a new ballot pool because the last ballot of this project was conducted more than a year ago.

The ballot pool will be open through 8 a.m. on May 18, 2011, and the ballot window will be from 8 a.m. Eastern on May 18 through 8 p.m. Eastern on May 31, 2011.

Instructions for Joining the New Ballot Pool for Project 2006-02

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot at the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their "ballot pool list server." (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: bp-2006-02_TPL_sb_in@nerc.com

Members who join the ballot pool to vote on the standard will automatically be entered in a separate pool to participate in the non-binding poll of the associated violation risk factor (VRF) and violation severity levels (VSLs).

Instructions for Commenting

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page: <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Assess-Transmission-Future-Needs.html>

Next Steps

A successive ballot of draft 7 of TPL-001-2, and a concurrent non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs, will begin on May 18, 2011 and end at 8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

Background

TPL-001-1 is designed to be a single, comprehensive, and coordinated standard that merges the requirements of four existing standards: TPL-001-0, TPL-002-0, TPL-003-0, and TPL-004-0. The proposed standard includes several new definitions. The purpose of the proposed standard is to establish transmission system planning performance requirements within the planning horizon to develop a bulk electric system that will operate reliably over a broad spectrum of system conditions and following a wide range of probable contingencies.

The AFTN SDT solicited comments from the industry on the fifth posting of the revised TPL-001-2 through an informal comment period that ended on September 2, 2010. The team revised the standard in response to comments received, and posted Draft 6 for information, while awaiting the outcome of [Project 2010-11 TPL Table 1](#) (footnote 'b'). The revisions to Table 1 footnote 'b' have been approved by the NERC Board of Trustees and filed with FERC. The AFTN SDT adopted the technical tenets of the final solution for footnote 'b' for inclusion in TPL-001-2.

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