

# Standards Announcement

Project 2007-03 Real-Time Transmission Operations  
Formal Comment Period Open Dec. 14, 2011 – Jan. 12, 2012  
Three Successive Ballot Windows Jan. 3 – 12, 2012

## Available Now

The Real-time Operations Standards Drafting Team has made revisions to three standards and their associated implementation plan in response to stakeholder comments and a quality review:

- TOP-001-2 Coordination of Transmission Operations
- TOP-002-3 Operations Planning
- TOP-003-2 Operational Reliability Data

Clean and redline versions of these standards, the associated implementation plan, and the VRFs and VSLs are posted for a formal 30-day comment period through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Note that TOP-001-2, TOP-002-3, and TOP-3-2 reflect the merging of the following standards into a single standard, making it impractical to post a “redline” of the three proposed standards that shows the changes to the last balloted versions of these standards. The last approved versions of the standards listed below have been posted on the project’s web page for easy reference.

- PER-001-0 Operating Personnel Responsibility and Authority
- TOP-001-1 Reliability Responsibilities and Authorities
- TOP-002-2a Normal Operations Planning
- TOP-003-1 Planned Outage Coordination
- TOP-004-2 Transmission Operations
- TOP-005-2 Operational Reliability Information
- TOP-006-2 Monitoring System Conditions
- TOP-007-0 Reporting Sol and IROL Violations
- TOP-008-1 Response to Transmission Violations

## **Instructions for Submitting Comments**

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](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Please note that comments submitted with ballots will use the same form, and it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit two separate sets of comments (one during the comment period and a second with a ballot). Comments submitted with ballots are extremely valuable to help the drafting team revise its work. However, in an effort to reduce the burden on stakeholders providing comments, the drafting team

requests that all comments (both those submitted with a ballot and those submitted by stakeholders not balloting) be submitted through the electronic form. This will ensure that stakeholders only provide a single set of comments. Further instructions will be provided in the announcement that the ballot window is open.

### **Next Steps**

Three individual successive ballots (one for each standard) will be conducted beginning on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 and ending at 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012. The ballot pool formed for the initial ballot of the three standards will be cloned to create three separate ballot pools, and all members of the original ballot pool will automatically be eligible to vote in the three individual ballots.

The standards are being balloted individually to provide stakeholders an opportunity to cast separate ballots for each standard. The individual ballots will provide the drafting team better feedback on which standards require additional development to achieve stakeholder consensus. Stakeholders are encouraged to consider each standard on its own merits and cast individual ballots, rather than casting the same ballot for all three standards, in order to assist the drafting team with evaluating which standards require additional development to achieve consensus.

### **Background**

The Project 2007-03 drafting team has attempted to eliminate redundancy in the Transmission Operations (TOP) family of standards. As part of this process, the drafting team has made an effort to reorganize the standards and requirements in a more logical manner. The team has also made revisions to address outstanding Order 693 directives.

### **Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

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