

Standards Announcement

Two Comment Periods Open

Standards Committee Interpretation Procedure

October 7–November 5, 2008

The Standards Committee has posted a comment form for a 30-day period to gather feedback regarding on its draft procedure for interpretations of standards. The comment period is now open **until 8 p.m. EST on November 5, 2008**.

The Standards Committee wants to revise the process of handling interpretations of approved standards to ensure that requests for interpretation are processed as efficiently as possible, with the objective of getting an interpretation to pre-ballot posting within 90 days from the date of receipt of a valid request. NERC will track the time for processing of interpretations from the date of receipt of a valid request to the date of ballot to provide insight into the effectiveness of this process.

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Barbara Bogenrief at 609-452-8060.

The status, purpose, and supporting documents for this project — including an off-line, unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment form — are posted at the following site:

<http://www.nerc.com/filez/sc.html>

Real-time Operations Standards (Project 2007-03)

October 7–November 20, 2008

The Real-time Operations Standards Drafting Team has posted a comment form for a 45-day period to gather feedback regarding the first drafts of the revised standards and associated implementation plan for Project 2007-03 — Real-time Operations Standards. The comment period is now open **until 8 p.m. EST on November 20, 2008**.

The 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. In addition, the drafting team has supplied a complete set of Violation Risk Factors, Time Horizons, Measures, and Compliance elements including Violation Severity Levels. An Implementation Plan has been provided to show the timeframe for compliance.

- TOP-001-1 Reliability Responsibilities and Authorities
- TOP-002-2 Normal Operations Planning
- TOP-003-0 Planned Outage Coordination

- TOP-004-1 Transmission Operations
- TOP-005-1 Operational Reliability Information
- TOP-006-1 Monitoring System Conditions
- TOP-007-0 Reporting Sol and IROL Violations
- TOP-008-0 Response to Transmission Violations
- PER-001-0 Operating Personnel Responsibility and Authority

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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.

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