

## Standards Announcement

### Three Initial Ballot Windows

One Ballot Now Open

Closing: September 17, 2008 (8 p.m. EDT)

Available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

#### **Initial ballot for interpretation of VAR-002-1a — Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltage Schedules (Project 2008-11)**

ICF Consulting submitted a formal Request for Interpretation, which asked for the following clarifications:

- Which requirements in VAR-002 apply to Generator Operators that operate generators that do not have automatic voltage regulation (AVR) capability?
- Does the standard require a Generator Owner to acquire AVR devices to comply with the requirements in this standard?

The interpretation provides the following clarifications:

- All the requirements and associated subrequirements in VAR-002-1a apply to Generator Owners and Generator Operators that own or operate generators whether equipped with an automatic voltage regulator or not.
- There are no requirements in the standard that require a generator to have an automatic voltage regulator, nor are there any requirements for a Generator Owner to modify its generator to add an automatic voltage regulator.

Project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-11\\_VAR-002\\_Interpretation.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-11_VAR-002_Interpretation.html)

Two Other Ballots to Open September 11, 2008 (8 a.m. EDT)

Closing: September 22, 2008 (8 p.m. EDT)

Ballots will be available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

#### **Initial ballot for the MOD-004-1 — Capacity Benefit Margin standard and associated implementation plan (Project 2006-07 — ATC/TTC/AFC and CBM/TRM Revisions)**

This standard addresses the reliability aspects of determining and maintaining a Capacity Benefit Margin and the conditions under which that margin may be used. The ballot for this standard includes the retirement of the following associated approved standards:

- MOD-005-0 — Procedure for Verifying CBM Values
- MOD-006-0 — Procedures for the Use of Capacity Benefit Margin Values
- MOD-007-0 — Documentation of the Use of Capacity Benefit Margin

The implementation plan contains the justification for the recommended retirements.

**Project page:** <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/MOD-V0-Revision.html>

### **Initial ballot for three Coordinate Interchange standards and associated implementation plan (Project 2007-14 — Permanent Changes to Coordinate Interchange Timing Table)**

- INT-005-3 — Interchange Authority Distributes Arranged Interchange
- INT-006-3 — Response to Interchange Authority
- INT-008-3 — Interchange Authority Distributes Status

In 2007, stakeholders approved a set of Urgent Action modifications to the Timing Tables in INT-005-1, INT-006-1, and INT-008-1. The modifications lengthened the reliability assessment period for WECC from 5 minutes to 10 minutes for e-tags submitted less than 1 hour and greater than 20 minutes prior to ramp start. Under the Reliability Standards Development Procedure, these Urgent Action modifications will expire unless they are replaced with permanent changes that go through the full standards development procedure. The modifications in the posted standards will make “permanent” the Urgent Action modifications made to the Timing Tables.

In addition, conforming changes were made by adding definitions and making clarifications to Requirement R1 in both INT-005-3 and INT-006-3.

**Project page:** [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/INT\\_Urgent\\_Action.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/INT_Urgent_Action.html)

### **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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