



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Window Open

March 19–30, 2009

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

Interpretation of TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 for Manitoba Hydro (Project 2008-18)

An initial ballot window for an interpretation of TOP-005-1 — Operational Reliability Information and IRO-005-1 — Reliability Coordination — Current Day Operations for Manitoba Hydro is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on March 30, 2009.**

Project Background

Manitoba Hydro requested an interpretation of the meaning of the term “degraded/degradation” as used in NERC standards TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 and specifically, whether a Special Protection System that is operating with only one communication channel in service would be considered “degraded” for the purposes of these standards. The request and interpretation are posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-18_Interpretation_TOP-005-1_IRO-005-1_ManitobaHydro.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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