

Standards Announcement

Project 2009-01 Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting
Initial Ballot Window and Non-Binding Poll
Open: December 2 –12, 2011

[Available December 2nd](#)

An initial ballot of EOP-004-2 – Event Reporting and its associated implementation plan, and a non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs, are open tomorrow through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, December 12, 2011.

Instructions for Balloting

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the standard and opinion for the non-binding poll from the following page:
<https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>.

Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is also open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, December 12, 2011. 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](#).

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period, the ballot for the standard, and the non-binding poll of VRFs and VSLs all use the same electronic form, and it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments (one through the electronic form, one with the ballot, and one with the non-binding poll). **The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form.**

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Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments and determine what changes to make in response to stakeholder input from the comments.

Background

Stakeholders have indicated that identifying potential acts of “sabotage” is difficult to do in real time, and additional clarity is needed to identify thresholds for reporting potential acts of sabotage in CIP-001-1. Stakeholders have also reported that EOP-004-1 has some requirements that reference out-of-date Department of Energy forms, making the requirements ambiguous. EOP-004-1 also has some ‘fill-in-the-blank’ components to eliminate.

The project will include addressing previously identified stakeholder concerns and FERC directives; will bring the standards into conformance with the latest approved version of the ERO Rules of Procedure; and may include other improvements to the standards deemed appropriate by the drafting team, with the consensus of stakeholders, consistent with establishing high quality, enforceable and technically sufficient bulk power system reliability standards.

Additional information is available on the [project webpage](#).

A stakeholder interested in following the Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting Drafting Team’s development of EOP-004-2 may monitor meeting agendas and notes on the team’s “[Related Files](#)” web page or may submit a request to join the team’s “plus” e-mail list to receive meeting agendas and meeting notes as they are distributed to the team. To join the team’s “plus” e-mail list, send an e-mail request to: sarcomm@nerc.net. Please indicate the drafting team’s name in the subject line of the e-mail.

Standards 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.

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