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Recognizing that the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday may limit entity resources, we have extended the ballot window for the interpretation referenced below through December 7, 2009 to allow entities to focus on the current ballot for [Project 2009-21: Cyber Security Ninety-day Response](#). Project 2009-21 is a time-sensitive project that involves revised critical infrastructure protection (CIP) standards and implementation plans to respond to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) September 30, 2009 Order approving version 2 CIP Standards.

Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Window Open

November 19–December 7, 2009

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

Project 2009-17: Interpretation of PRC-004-1 and PRC-005-1 for Y-W Electric and Tri-State (Revision 1)

An initial ballot window for a revised interpretation of standards PRC-004-1 — Analysis and Mitigation of Transmission and Generation Protection System Misoperations and PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing for Y-W Electric Association, Inc. and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. is now open **until 8 p.m. EST on December 7, 2009**.

Instructions

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes.

Project Background

Y-W Electric Association, Inc. and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. requested an interpretation of the term "transmission Protection System" and specifically whether protection for a radially connected transformer protection system energized from the Bulk Electric System is considered a transmission Protection System and is subject to these standards.

This is a revised version of the interpretation. The drafting team revised the interpretation to address balloter concerns regarding 1) the applicability of transmission Protection System and 2) the differences in the Regional Entity definitions of Bulk Electric System and the use of the phrase "specific clarification may be required." The changes to the interpretation are shown in a redline version posted for review. The team has also posted a response to comments received during the initial ballot (July 31-August 10, 2009) for the original interpretation.

The request and interpretation can be found on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-17_Interpretation_PRC-004_PRC-005_Y-W_TriStateG&T.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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