

Standards Announcement

Project 2011-INT-02 Rapid Revision of VAR-002 for Constellation to Address Request for Interpretation

Ballot Window Now Open Through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 23, 2012

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Please note that although the project number and name reference that this is an interpretation, **this project is a revision to VAR-002-1.1b – Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltage Schedules**. In January 2011, Constellation Power Generation (CEG) requested an interpretation for VAR-002-1.1b – Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltage Schedules, Requirement R1. The Standards Committee has authorized processing a request for interpretation of VAR-002-1.1 b, Requirement R1 as a “rapid revision” of the standard, rather than as an interpretation with the requester’s permission.

A ‘rapid revision’ of a standard follows the normal standard development process in the approved NERC Standard Processes Manual, but because the scope of the changes is limited to addressing a narrow request for clarification, the process allows the Standards Committee to waive the initial 30-day formal comment period. The Standards Committee is piloting the ‘rapid revision’ process as part of an effort to make efficient use of industry resources. As envisioned, making a permanent revision to the standard makes more efficient use of industry resources than providing clarity first through an interpretation and then again later through a revision to the standard.

A drafting team appointed by the Standards Committee has posted CEG’s request for interpretation, a SAR identifying the revisions necessary to address the requested clarification, a draft VAR-002-2b (clean and redline showing changes to the last approved version of the standard), and an associated implementation plan, for a formal 45-day comment period and initial ballot **through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 23, 2012**.

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

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

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period and initial ballot.

Background

Constellation Power Generation submitted a request for interpretation of VAR-002-1.1b asking for clarification of Requirement R1 and whether the requirement requires generation units to be operated in automatic voltage control mode during start-up and shut-down. Additional information is available on the [project webpage](#).

Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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