

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2013-04 Voltage and Reactive Control VAR-001-4 & VAR-002-3

**Comment Period:** July 19, 2013 – September 3, 2013

**Ballot Pools Forming Now:** July 19, 2013 – August 19, 2013

Upcoming:

Ballot and Non-Binding Poll: August 23, 2013 – September 3, 2013

### [Now Available](#)

A 45-day formal comment period for **VAR-001-4 and VAR-002-3** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, September 3, 2013**. The standard authorization request (SAR) for this project is also posted for comment. Additional supporting documents are posted for information. A ballot pool is being formed and the ballot pool window is open through 8 a.m. Eastern on **Monday, August 19, 2013** (*please note that ballot pools close at 8 a.m. Eastern and mark your calendar accordingly*).

This project began with an informal development process to address outstanding FERC directives from Order 693 and compliance issues. The modifications to VAR-001 and VAR-002 were drafted in tandem, and several requirements in one standard reference the other standard. Accordingly, the standards are being balloted together. Further, in an effort to support Paragraph 81 and the results-based standard concepts, informal development is proposing six requirements for retirement. The goal is to present the standards to the NERC Board of Trustees in November 2013.

Background information, including other supporting documents for this project, can be found on the [project page](#). Please contact either Soo Jin Kim, the standards developer or a participant on the informal development group if you would like additional information.

### **Instructions for Joining Ballot Pool(s)**

Ballot pools are being formed for the standards mentioned and the associated non-binding polls in this project. Registered Ballot Body members must join the ballot pools to be eligible to vote in the balloting and submit an opinion for the non-binding polls of the associated VRFs and VSLs.

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pools at the following page: [Join Ballot Pools](#)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list servers for this project are:

Ballot for VAR-001-4 & VAR-002-3: [bp-2013-04 VAR 1 in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2013-04_VAR_1_in@nerc.com)

Non-Binding Poll for VAR-001-4 & VAR-002-3: [bp-2013-04 VAR NB 1 in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2013-04_VAR_NB_1_in@nerc.com)

### Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, September 3, 2013**. Please use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact [Wendy Muller](#). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment forms are posted on the [project page](#).

### Next Steps

A ballot for the standards and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) will be conducted as previously outlined.

### Standards Development Process

The [Standards 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 Wendy Muller,  
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