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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Comment Periods Open for SAR for Reliability Coordination, SAR for Operating Personnel Communications Protocols, and Relay Loadability Standard

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards actions:

SAR to Modify the Reliability Coordinator Standards (March 19–April 17, 2007)

The Reliability Coordination SAR drafting team posted the second draft of its SAR for [Project 2006-06](#) for a 30-day comment period from March 19 through April 17, 2007.

The SAR proposes retiring, modifying or moving to other standards the Reliability Coordinator requirements contained within a set of ten already approved standards. The purpose of making these modifications is to ensure that the remaining requirements are clear, measurable, unique and enforceable; and to ensure that this set of requirements is sufficient to maintain reliability of the Bulk Electric System. This project also involves addressing concerns raised by FERC and stakeholders and involves bringing the set of standards into conformance with the ERO Rules of Procedure and the latest version of the Reliability Standards Development Procedure. Please use the [comment form](#) to provide comments on this SAR.

SAR for Project 2007-02 Operating Personnel Communications Protocols (March 19–April 17, 2007)

The Operating Personnel Communications Protocols SAR for [Project 2007-02](#) is posted for a 30-day comment period from March 19 through April 17, 2007.

This SAR calls for the development of communications protocols for use by real-time system operators to improve situational awareness and shorten response time. The need for improved real-time communications protocols was identified during the investigation of the August 2003 Blackout. Please use the [comment form](#) to provide comments on this SAR.

Transmission Relay Loadability Standard (March 19–April 17, 2007)

The [Transmission Relay Loadability](#) drafting team posted the third draft of its standard for a 30-day comment period from March 19 through April 17, 2007. The drafting team is seeking comments on a change in the requirements that assigns responsibility for identifying certain critical facilities to the planning coordinator, in support of the latest approved version of the [Functional Model](#).

The standard codifies the relay loadability criteria embodied in the NERC Recommendation 8a, *Improve System Protection to Slow or Limit the Spread of Future Cascading Outages*, and U.S.–Canada Power System Outage Task Force Recommendation 21A, *Make More Effective and*

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Wider Use of System Protection Measures. Please use the [comment form](#) to provide comments on this standard.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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