

Standards Announcement

Project 2009-22 Interpretation of COM-002-2 R2 for ISO/RTO Council

Recirculation Ballot Window Open: December 14-23, 2011

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A recirculation ballot window is open for Project 2009-22 Interpretation of COM-002-2 R2 for ISO/RTO Council from Wednesday, December 14, 2011 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, December 23, 2011.

Since the initial ballot, the drafting team has considered all comments received during the formal comment period and initial ballot of the interpretation, and made no changes to the interpretation.

Documents associated with this project, including the interpretation, the standard, and the drafting team's consideration of comments submitted during the parallel formal comment period and initial ballot that ended on November 18, 2011, have been posted on the [project page](#).

Instructions for Balloting in the Recirculation Ballots

In a recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their prior votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member's last vote cast in the successive ballot that ended on November 18, 2011 will be carried over.

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

Next Steps

If the interpretation achieves ballot pool approval, it will be presented to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

Background

On October 1, 2009, clarification was requested by ISO-RTO Council on Requirement R2, specifically on whether "directives" are limited to actual and anticipated emergency operating conditions, or whether routine operating instructions are also considered "directives." The effort was delayed following discussion with the requester based on the anticipation that more clarity regarding the term, "directives" would be identified through standard development work in Project 2007-02.

When it became clear that the work in Project 2007-02 would require considerable industry debate, a drafting team was formed and prepared a draft interpretation, which was posted for a 30-day formal

comment period that ended December 18, 2010. Reprioritization of the total standards workload in accordance with guidance from the NERC Board of Trustees issued in November 2009 and a delay as the Standards Committee developed more formal processes for addressing interpretations resulted in a delay in further processing; the Standards Committee directed that work resume on the Interpretation in April 2011.

Additional information on Project 2009-22 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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