

Standards Announcement

Rapid Revision Procedure

Informal Comment Period: February 5 – March 6, 2013

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A 30-day informal comment period is now open for the Rapid Revision Procedure, which formalizes a process for developing limited and narrowly defined revisions to a standard in cases where it has been determined that an Interpretation is not an option within existing standard language.

The document was developed by a working group comprised of Standards Committee Process Subcommittee members and approved for posting by the Standards Committee on October 11, 2012. It was created to formalize the process explored in the pilot projects, and has been posted for comment to ensure process transparency and consistent application.

Instructions for Commenting

An informal comment period for the Rapid Revision Procedure is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, March 6, 2013**. Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

A Standards Committee Process Subcommittee working group will review the comments and, if necessary, make corresponding changes to the procedure document. If substantive changes are made, another informal comment period may be required. The procedure document will then be presented to the Standards Committee for approval.

Background

The Rapid Revision Procedure was developed to address focused situations where it has been determined that a request for Interpretation was best addressed by limited and narrowly defined revisions to a standard. It accelerates the development of narrow revisions while adhering to the Standard Processes Manual: A Standard Authorization Request is still required, but it is posted alongside limited, focused, and narrowly defined revisions to the standard and implementation plan. Ultimately, the goal is to have only one 45-day comment and ballot period and then proceed to a final recirculation ballot.

Three pilot projects – Interpretation 2010-INT-01 Rapid Revision of TOP-006-2 for FMPP, Project 2011-INT-02 Rapid Revision of VAR-002 to address Constellation Request for Interpretation, and Revision of MOD-

028-1 to address FPL Request for Interpretation – employed the rapid revision process and required only six to 12 months to earn Board of Trustees approval, less than the average timeline for a traditional standards project.

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Standards 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.

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