



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL

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TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement:

Drafting Team Nominations; Pre-ballot Reviews; Ballot Pools Open May 15

The Standards Authorization Committee (SAC) announces the following standards actions:

Nominations for Personnel Training Standard Drafting Team Open (May 15–June 1)

The SAC is soliciting drafting team members to draft the personnel training standard. The standard will require that the Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, and Transmission Operator have a training program for real-time system operators. If you are interested in volunteering for this standard drafting team, please submit the [nomination form](#) by June 1, 2006.

Nominations for Modifications to IRO-004 for Timely Submission of Data Drafting Team Open (May 15–June 1)

The SAC is soliciting drafting team members to assist the requester in responding to the comments submitted with the SAR and the proposed changes to the associated standard. The proposed change would add timing requirements relative to the submission of operational data used for day-ahead operational analyses. If you are interested in volunteering for this drafting team, please submit the [nomination form](#) by June 1, 2006.

Four Phase III & IV Standards Posted for 30-day Pre-Ballot Review (May 15–June 14)

Four of the Phase III & IV standards are being posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review period. Balloting is expected to begin on or about June 15, 2006.

[PRC-002-1](#) — Define Regional Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements requires regions to establish requirements for installation of disturbance monitoring equipment and reporting of disturbance data to facilitate analyses of events.

[PRC-018-1](#) — Disturbance Monitoring Equipment Installation and Data Reporting requires entities to install Disturbance Monitoring Equipment and report disturbance data to facilitate analyses of events.

[VAR-001-1](#) — Voltage and Reactive Control is a Version 0 standard with the addition of requirements for the transmission operator to provide the generator operator with voltage or reactive power schedules and for the transmission operator to provide the generator owner with step-up transformer tap changes.

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[VAR-002-1](#) — Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltage Schedules is a new standard that requires generator operators to operate in the automatic voltage control mode, and to notify the transmission operator of certain changes that could affect the voltage or reactive support in the transmission operator's area. The standard also requires the generator owner to provide entities with data on transformer tap settings and to ensure compliance with the transmission operator's step-up transformer tap specifications.

Ballot Pool for Disturbance Monitoring Equipment Standards (PRC-002 and PRC-018) Open (May 15)

A [ballot pool](#) has been created to vote on the two Phase III & IV standards that address disturbance monitoring & reporting (PRC-002 and PRC-018). Any member of the registered ballot body that is interested in casting a vote on this set of standards may join the ballot pool up to the time that the ballot window opens. Once the ballot window opens, no changes can be made to the ballot pool.

Ballot Pool for Coordination of Generator Reactive Resources Standards (VAR-001 and VAR-002) Open (May 15)

A [ballot pool](#) has been created to vote on the two Phase III & IV Standards that address the coordination of generator reactive resources (VAR-001 and VAR-002). Any member of the registered ballot body that is interested in casting a vote on this set of standards may join the ballot pool up to the time that the ballot window opens. Once the ballot window opens, no changes can be made to the ballot pool.

Standards Development Process

The NERC posting and balloting procedures are described in the [Reliability Standards Process Manual](#), which 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.

Please send questions to Maureen Long at maureen.long@nerc.net, or call 813-468-5998.

Sincerely,

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