

## Standards Announcement

### Two Ballot Pools and Pre-ballot Windows Open September 26–October 25, 2008

Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>

#### **New Standard: PER-005-1— System Personnel Training (Project 2006-01)**

A 30-day ballot pool and pre-ballot window is now open until **8:00 a.m. EDT on October 25, 2008** for the following items: a new standard (PER-005-1 — System Personnel Training), an associated implementation plan, and a reference document to aid in implementing the standard. The ballot for this standard includes the retirement of the associated approved standard PER-002-0 — Operating Personnel Training as well as conforming changes to PER-004-1 — Reliability Coordination — Staffing.

The purpose of the standard is to help ensure that that System Operators performing real-time, reliability-related tasks on the North American bulk electric system are competent to perform those reliability-related tasks. The proposed standard is applicable to Reliability Coordinators, Balancing Authorities, and Transmission Operators.

Project Page:

<http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/System-Personnel-Training.html>

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp\\_PER-005-1\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp_PER-005-1_in@nerc.com). Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.

#### **New Standard: FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings (Project 2006-09)**

A 30-day ballot pool and pre-ballot window is now open until **8:00 a.m. EDT on October 25, 2008** for the following items: a new standard (FAC-008-2 — Facility Ratings) and an associated implementation plan. The ballot for this standard includes the retirement of the associated approved standards FAC-008-01— Facility Ratings Methodology and FAC-009-01 — Establish and Communicate Facility Ratings.

The Facility Ratings standard is undergoing modifications to address the directives in FERC Order 693. The purpose of the standard is to ensure that Facility Ratings used in the reliable planning and operation of the bulk electric system are determined based on technically sound principles.

Project Page:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Facility\\_Ratings\\_Project\\_2006-09.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Facility_Ratings_Project_2006-09.html)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp\\_FAC-008-1\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp_FAC-008-1_in@nerc.com). Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.

### **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.

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