

September 12, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

### **Announcement: Comment Period Opens**

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

#### **First Draft of TPL-001-1 — Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements Posted for 45-day Comment Period**

The first draft of [TPL-001-1](#) — Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements is posted for a 45-day comment period from September 12 through October 26, 2007. The purpose of the proposed standard is to establish Transmission System planning performance requirements within the planning horizon to develop a Bulk Electric System that will operate reliably over a broad spectrum of System conditions and following a wide range of probable Contingencies.

The proposed standard consolidates, clarifies, and expands on the requirements that had been in TPL-001-0, TPL-002-0, TPL-003-0 and TPL-004-0, and includes several new definitions.

Note that the drafting team will hold a WebEx and Conference Call on Wednesday, October 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT to present and discuss the proposed requirements in TPL-001-1. The purpose of this call is to provide stakeholders with an overview of the proposed requirements, to highlight the areas where the proposed requirements differ from the requirements in the existing TPL-001-0 through TPL-004-0, and to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed requirements.

Please use this [comment form](#) to provide comments on the first draft of 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](mailto:maureen.long@nerc.net).

Sincerely,

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