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TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Comment Periods Open

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards action:

**SAR for Real-time Operations (Project 2007-03)
Posted for 30-day Comment Period May 15–June 13, 2007**

The SAR for [Project 2007-03](#) Real-time Transmission Operations and Balancing of Load and Generation proposes modifying the following standards that relate to various aspects of Reliability Coordination:

- COM-001-1 Telecommunications
- COM-002-2 Communications and Coordination
- TOP-001-1 Reliability Responsibilities and Authorities
- TOP-002-2 Normal Operations Planning
- TOP-003-0 Planned Outage Coordination
- TOP-004-1 Transmission Operations
- TOP-005-1 Operational Reliability Information
- TOP-006-1 Monitoring System Conditions
- TOP-007-0 Reporting Sol and IROL Violations
- TOP-008-0 Response to Transmission Violations
- PER-001-0 Operating Personnel Responsibility and Authority

The modifications will address concerns raised by FERC and stakeholders and will bring the standards into conformance with the latest version of the Reliability Standards Development Procedure and the ERO Sanctions Guidelines. Please use the [comment form](#) to provide comments on the first draft of this SAR.

**SAR for Reliability-based Control (Project 2007-18)
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The SAR for [Project 2007-18](#) Reliability-based Control proposes developing requirements to achieve the following objectives:

- To maintain Interconnection frequency within predefined frequency limits under all conditions (i.e., normal and abnormal), to prevent frequency-related instability; unplanned tripping of load or generation; or uncontrolled separation or Cascading outages that adversely impact the reliability of the Interconnection. (Work brought into this SAR is from BAL-007 though BAL-011.)

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- To support elimination of SOL/IROL violations caused by excessive (as determined by this standard) Area Control Error (“ACE”). (Could be a separate and individually-balloted Standard)
- To prevent Interconnection frequency excursions of short-duration attributed to the ramping of on and off-peak Interchange Transactions. (Could be a separate and individually-balloted Standard)
- To support timely transmission congestion relief by requiring corrective load/generation management within a defined timeframe when ACE is impacted by the curtailment of Interchange Transactions under transmission loading relief procedures. (Could be a separate and individually-balloted Standard)
- To address relevant directives in FERC Order 693.

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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.

Sincerely,

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