

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2007-03 Real-time Operations

Three Ballot Windows and Three Non-binding Poll Windows Now Open  
Through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, January 12, 2012

### Now Available

Three successive ballots of the following standards, and three non-binding polls of the associated VRFs and VSLs, are open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, January 12, 2012:

- TOP-001-2 Coordination of Transmission Operations
- TOP-002-3 Operations Planning
- TOP-003-2 Operational Reliability Data

Clean and redline versions of these standards and the associated implementation plan and VRFs and VSLs, are posted on the [project webpage](#). Note that TOP-001-2, TOP-002-3, and TOP-3-2 reflect the merging of the following standards into the three proposed TOP standards, making it impractical to post a “redline” of the three proposed standards that shows the changes to the last approved versions of these standards. The last approved versions of the standards listed below have been posted on the project’s web page for easy reference, and a mapping document has been posted so stakeholders can see whether the drafting team proposed retiring, revising or moving each requirement in the following standards into one of the proposed TOP standards.

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

### **Instructions for Balloting**

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their votes for the standards and opinions for the non-binding polls from the following page:

<https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

### Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, January 12, 2012**. 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](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

### Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot or Non-binding Poll

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period, the ballots for the standards, and the non-binding polls of VRFs and VSLs all use the same electronic form, and will be compiled into a single report with duplicate comments submitted by the same entity removed and duplicate comments submitted by multiple entities consolidated. **Therefore, it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form.**

### Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments submitted during this formal comment and ballot period to determine whether to make additional revisions to the standards.

### Background

The Project 2007-03 drafting team has attempted to eliminate redundancy in the Transmission Operations (TOP) family of standards. As part of this process, the drafting team has made an effort to reorganize the standards and requirements in a more logical manner. The team has also made revisions to address outstanding Order 693 directives. Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

### Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

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