

Standards Announcement

Comment Period Open September 9–October 24, 2009

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Project 2007-07: Transmission Vegetation Management

The Transmission Vegetation Management Standard Drafting Team is seeking comments on the following documents until 8 p.m. EDT on October 24, 2009:

- FAC-003-2 Transmission Vegetation Management Program
- Mapping document (comparing FAC-003-1 to FAC-003-2)
- Implementation plan for FAC-003-2
- Technical reference document

This is the second comment period for proposed standard FAC-003-2. The drafting team revised the proposed standard, updated the technical reference document to align with the changes made to the proposed standard, updated the mapping document, and added an implementation plan. The drafting team has also posted its consideration of industry comments received during the previous comment period.

Instructions

Please use this <u>electronic form</u> to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Lauren Koller at <u>Lauren.Koller@nerc.net</u>. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Vegetation-Management Project 2007-7.html

Next Steps

The drafting team will draft and post responses to comments received during this period. The drafting team will also determine whether to post the standard for an additional comment period or seek approval from the Standards Committee to proceed to balloting.

Project Background

The project is an update to FAC-003-1, which was approved in 2006. The items identified for revision include the incorporation of FERC Order 693 comments related to applicability, procedural repairs to conform to the current standards format and development procedure, technical updates and guidance to address stakeholder suggestions, and the elimination of "fill-in-the-blank" components. More information is available on the project page.

Applicability of Standards in Project

Transmission Owner Planning Coordinator

Specific facilities (see proposed standard for more information)

Standards Development Process

The <u>Reliability Standards Development Procedure</u> 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,

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