

# Standards Announcement

Project 2007-12 Frequency Response

## Initial Ballot and Non-Binding Poll Results

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An initial ballot and non-binding poll of BAL and its implementation plan concluded on December 9, 2011. Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) webpage provides a link to the detailed initial ballot results.

#### **Initial Ballot Results**

Quorum: 93.92%

Approval: 30.82%

#### **Non-Binding Poll Results**

89.49% of those who registered to participate provided an opinion or abstention; 37% of those who provided an opinion indicated support for the VRFs and VSLs that were proposed.

#### **Next Steps**

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the comment period and ballot.

#### **Background**

Frequency Response, a measure of an Interconnection's ability to stabilize frequency immediately following the sudden loss of generation or load, is a critical component to the reliable operation of the bulk power system, particularly during disturbances and restoration. The proposed standard's intent is to collect data needed to accurately analyze existing Frequency Response, set a minimum Frequency Response obligation, provide a uniform calculation of Frequency Bias Settings that transition to values closer to Frequency Response, and encourage coordinated AGC operation. There is evidence of continuing decline in Frequency Response over the past 10 years, but no confirmed reason for the apparent decline. The proposed standard requires entities to provide data so that Frequency Response in each of the Interconnections can be analyzed, and the reasons for the decline in Frequency Response can be identified. Once Frequency Response has been analyzed and confirmed, requirements can be modified to maintain reliability. Additional information is available on the [project webpage](#).

A stakeholder interested in following the Frequency Response Standard Drafting Team's development of

BAL-003-1 may monitor meeting agendas and notes on the team's "[Related Files](#)" webpage or may submit a request to join the team's "plus" email list to receive meeting agendas and meeting notes as they are distributed to the team. To join the team's "plus" email list, send a note to [sarcomm@nerc.net](mailto:sarcomm@nerc.net) and include the project's name in the subject line.

### **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.

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