

March 19, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Four Ballot Windows Open on March 19, 2007

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

Initial Ballot Window for Balance Resources and Demand Standards Opens March 19, 2007

The initial [ballot](#) for the following set of [Balance Resources and Demand](#) standards will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Monday, March 19 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Friday, March 30, 2007.

- BAL-007-1 — Balance of Resources and Demand
- BAL-008-1 — Frequency and Area Control Error
- BAL-009-1 — Actions to Return Frequency to within Frequency Trigger Limits
- BAL-010-1 — Frequency Bias Settings
- BAL-011-1 — Frequency Limits

These standards require entities to maintain interconnection scheduled frequency within a predefined frequency profile under all conditions (i.e., normal and abnormal), to prevent unwarranted load shedding and to prevent frequency-related cascading collapse of the interconnected grid. The ballot for the above set of standards also includes the Balance Resources and Demand [Implementation Plan](#).

Initial Ballot Window for Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination Standard (NUC-001) Opens March 19, 2007

The initial [ballot](#) for the [Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination \(NUC-001-1\)](#) standard will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Monday, March 19 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Friday, March 30, 2007.

This standard requires coordination between nuclear plant generator operators and transmission entities to ensure safe operation and shutdown of nuclear plants. The ballot for this standard also includes the Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination [Implementation Plan](#).

Initial Ballot Window for Urgent Action SAR to Modify Coordinate Interchange Standards (INT-005, INT-006, INT-008) Opens March 19, 2007

The initial [ballot](#) for the [Urgent Action SAR](#) to Modify the Timing Table in the following Coordinate Interchange Standards will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Monday, March 19 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Friday, March 30, 2007.

- INT-005-2 — Interchange Authority Distributes Arranged Interchange
- INT-006-2 — Response to Interchange Authority
- INT-008-2 — Interchange Authority Distributes Status

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This Urgent Action SAR will correct an error in the timing table that appears in all three standards. Under some conditions, the error in the timing table doesn't give reliability entities within WECC enough time to conduct a reliability-related review of e-tags.

Initial Ballot Window for Interpretation of BAL-005 — Automatic Generation Control Requirement 17 Opens March 19, 2007

The initial [ballot](#) for the [Interpretation of BAL-005-0 — Automatic Generation Control Requirement 17](#) will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Monday, March 19 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Friday, March 30, 2007.

The interpretation clarifies that the Balancing Authority is required to check and calibrate its control room time error and frequency devices against a common reference at least annually, but the requirement to “annually check and calibrate” does not address any devices outside of the operations control room.

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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