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TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Announcement: Comment Period Opens**

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

**Second Draft of Reliability-based Control SAR Posted for 30-day Comment Period**

The second draft of the SAR for [Project 2007-18](#) Reliability-based Control has been posted for a 30-day comment period from September 10, 2007 through October 9, 2007.

The SAR proposes developing requirements to achieve the following objectives:

1. To maintain Interconnection frequency within predefined frequency limits under all conditions (i.e., normal and abnormal), to manage frequency-related issues such as frequency oscillations, instability and unplanned tripping of load, generation or transmission that adversely impact the reliability of the Interconnection. (Work brought into this SAR from Draft BAL-007 through BAL-011)
2. To support corrective action by the BA when excessive Area Control Error (as determined by this standard) may be contributing to or causing action to be taken to correct an SOL/IROL problem.
3. To prevent Interconnection frequency excursions of short-duration attributed to the ramping of Interchange Transactions.
4. To support timely transmission congestion relief by requiring corrective load/generation management by the Balancing Authority(ies) within a defined timeframe when participating in transmission loading relief procedures.
5. To address the directives of FERC Order 693:
  - a. Add data retention requirements to all standards.
  - b. Require a continent-wide contingency reserve policy.
  - c. Modify BAL-003 – Frequency Response and Bias.
  - d. Require minimum Regulating Reserves for a Balancing Authority.

Please use this [comment form](#) to provide comments on the second draft of this SAR.

**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](mailto:maureen.long@nerc.net).

Sincerely,

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