Standards Announcement
Ballot Pool Opens for Interpretation

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Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool for Interpretation of CIP-006-1 Requirement R1.1 for Progress Energy

Progress Energy submitted a Request for an Interpretation of Requirement R1.1 in CIP-006-1 — Physical Security of Critical Cyber Assets. The request asked if electronic security perimeter wiring external to a physical security perimeter must be protected within a six-wall boundary.

The Interpretation clarifies that the definition of a cyber asset includes both the data and the communication network, including the wiring that comprises the physical media supporting the network. The intent is to protect the data transmitted over the network within the electronic security perimeter and the data must be protected from tampering, either through physical protection of the wiring or alternative protective measures.

A new ballot pool to vote on this interpretation has been formed and will remain open up until 8 a.m. (EDT) Thursday, August 7, 2008. During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their "ballot pool list server." The list server for this ballot pool is: bp-RFI_CIP-006_Progress_in@nerc.com

Standards Development Process

The *Reliability Standards Development Procedure 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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