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Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window

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Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>

Interpretation of TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 for Manitoba Hydro (Project 2008-18)

An interpretation of TOP-005-1 — Operational Reliability Information and IRO-005-1 — Reliability Coordination — Current Day Operations for Manitoba Hydro is posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on this interpretation **until 8 a.m. EDT on March 19, 2009**.

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2008-18 RFI Manitoba in](#).

Project Background

Manitoba Hydro requested an interpretation of the meaning of the term “degraded/degradation” as used in NERC standards TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 and specifically, whether a Special Protection System that is operating with only one communication channel in service would be considered “degraded” for the purposes of these standards. The request and interpretation are posted on the project page: <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-18 Interpretation TOP-005-1 IRO-005-1 ManitobaHydro.html>

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.

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