

Standards Announcement

Project 2009-01 Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting

Formal Comment Period Open: April 25 – May 24, 2012

Ballot Windows Open: Successive Ballot and Non-binding

Poll: May 15 – May 24, 2012

[Now Available](#)

EOP-004-2 – Event Reporting (clean and redline showing changes to the last posting), an implementation plan (clean and redline to the last posting), and several associated documents (listed below) have been posted for a formal comment period and successive ballot and non-binding poll of associated VRFs and VSLs that will end at **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, May 24, 2012.**

The following associated documents have been posted for stakeholder review and comment:

- Consideration of Comments Report – Provides a summary of the modifications made to the proposed standard and supporting documents based on comments submitted during the formal comment period that ended December 12, 2011
- Mapping Document - Identifies each requirement in the two already-approved standards that are being consolidated into EOP-004-2 (EOP-004-1 and CIP-001-2a, and identifies how the requirement has been treated in the proposed Draft 4 of EOP-004-2
- VRF/VSL Justification – Explains how the VRFs and VSLs the drafting team has proposed for EOP-004-2 comply with guidelines that FERC and NERC have established for VRFs and VSLs
- Unofficial comment form in Word format – This is for informal use when compiling responses – the final must be submitted electronically

Instructions

All members of the ballot pool must cast a new ballot since the votes and comments from the last ballot will not be carried over. In addition, members of the ballot pool will need to cast a new opinion on the VRFs and VSLs. Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the Standard and non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs by clicking [here](#).

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period, the ballot and the non-binding poll use the same electronic form. Therefore, it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. Companies or entities with representatives in multiple segments of the ballot pool may submit a single set of comments by identifying themselves as a “group” on the comment form. Likewise, it is preferable for a group of separate entities that develop comments jointly to submit the comments as a “group.” **The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form, and that companies in multiple segments as well as individual entities that develop joint comments with other entities submit their comments as a “group,” with the list of group members and their associated Industry Segments.**

Next Steps

A successive ballot and non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs of EOP-004-2 will be conducted beginning on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Background

Stakeholders have indicated that identifying potential acts of “sabotage” is difficult to do in real time, and additional clarity is needed to identify thresholds for reporting potential acts of sabotage in CIP-001-1. Stakeholders have also reported that EOP-004-1 has some requirements that reference out-of-date Department of Energy forms, making the requirements ambiguous. EOP-004-1 also has some ‘fill-in-the-blank’ components to eliminate.

The project will include addressing previously identified stakeholder concerns and FERC directives; will bring the standards into conformance with the latest approved version of the ERO Rules of Procedure; and may include other improvements to the standards deemed appropriate by the drafting team, with the consensus of stakeholders, consistent with establishing high quality, enforceable and technically sufficient bulk power system reliability standards.

Additional information is available on the [project webpage](#).

A stakeholder interested in following the Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting Drafting Team’s development of EOP-004-2 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 an email request to: sarcomm@nerc.net. Please indicate the drafting team’s name in the subject line of the email.

Standards 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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