

Standards Announcement

Project 2011-INT-02 Rapid Revision of VAR-002 for Constellation

Recirculation Ballot and Non-Binding Poll Window Open July 18, 2012 through July 27, 2012

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The drafting team for VAR-002-2b - Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltage Schedules has posted its consideration of comments received during a parallel formal comment period and successive ballot that ended June 27, 2012. The drafting team made no changes to the Requirements, but made two minor corrections:

- In Measure M3, the word 'directive' was changed to 'direction' to conform to the language in the associated Requirement R2.
- In the Data Retention section, the word 'years' was changed from plural to singular in response to a quality review suggestion.

A recirculation ballot of VAR-002-2b is open from **Wednesday, July 18, 2012 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, July 27, 2012.**

In addition, the team has made revisions to the response time frame for the VSLs for Requirement R2 in response to stakeholder comments. In conjunction with the recirculation ballot, a non-binding poll of these VSL changes is being conducted and the non-binding poll window is also open from **Wednesday, July 18, 2012 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, July 27, 2012.** A comment form is available for stakeholders to provide input on the revised VSLs for Requirement R2.

Instructions

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their previously cast votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member's vote cast in the previous ballot will be carried over as that member's vote in the recirculation ballot.

The ballot pool for the standard was cloned to create a ballot pool for the non-binding poll. Recognizing that the scope of this drafting team is limited by the SAR for the project, ballot pool members are asked to cast their opinions only on the VSLs changes, but not on VRFs and VSLs that were not changed from the previously approved standard, since the scope of the drafting team is limited by the SAR for this project.

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their votes and opinions for the standard and VSL changes by clicking [here](#).

Instructions for Commenting on Proposed Revisions to VSLs for Requirement R2

A comment period to collect stakeholder input on the proposed to the VSLs associated with Requirement R2 is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, July 27, 2012. As noted in the NERC Standard Processes Manual, there is no formal comment period concurrent with the recirculation ballot and no obligation for the drafting team to respond to any comments submitted during the recirculation ballot.” Therefore, the comment form is limited strictly to collecting comments on the VSL changes.

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

If approved, the standard will be presented to the Board of Trustees for adoption. The drafting team will review comments received on the proposed changes to the VSLs associated with Requirement R2 and work with NERC staff to determine whether additional changes to the VSLs are required prior to presenting the standard for adoption.

Background

Constellation Energy submitted a request for interpretation of VAR-002-1.1b asking for clarification of Requirement R1 and whether the requirement requires generation units to be operated in automatic voltage control mode during start-up and shut-down.

The scope of the rapid revision project was also expanded to include revisions to Requirement R2 and its VSLs. The SDT received approval from the SC to address deficiencies in Requirement R2 and has made further changes to R2 to address stakeholder concerns. Requirement R2 is intrinsically linked to VAR-001-2, Requirement R4.

Standards Development Process

The [Standards Processes Manual](#) (SPM) 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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