

Standards Announcement

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

Ballot Pool Now Open through 8 a.m. Eastern on March 8, 2012

Formal Comment Period Open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 23, 2012

Initial Ballot Window Open March 14 – 23, 2012

Now Available

The Standards Committee has authorized processing a request for interpretation of VAR-002-1b Requirement R2 as a “rapid revision” of the standard, rather than as an interpretation, with the requester’s permission. A “rapid revision” uses the normal standard development process to make a clarifying change to a standard. The drafting team formed for this project has posted a draft SAR, along with the clean and redline versions of the revised standard and an implementation plan, for a parallel formal comment period with a ballot during the last ten days of the comment period, through March 23, 2012. A ballot pool is being formed and the ballot pool window is open through 8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, March 8, 2012.

Instructions for Joining the Ballot Pool

A ballot pool is being formed to ballot VAR-002-2b. The ballot pool window is open through 8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, March 8, 2012. **(Please note that ballot pool windows close at 8 a.m. Eastern on the day they close).**

To join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot of the standard and associated implementation plan, go to: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot windows, 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 the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this project is: [bp-2011-INT-02 VAR-002 in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2011-INT-02_VAR-002_in@nerc.com)

Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 23, 2012**. 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](#).

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period and the ballots for the standards both use the same electronic form, and will be compiled into a single report with duplicate comments submitted by the same entity removed and duplicate comments submitted by multiple entities consolidated. **Therefore, it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form.**

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments submitted to determine whether to make additional revisions to the standard.

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

Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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