

Standards Announcement

Project 2006-06 – Reliability Coordination Recirculation Ballots and Non-binding Polls Now Open for Three Standards July 15 – 25, 2011

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Recirculation ballots of three standards and their implementation plans, and non-binding polls for the associated VRFs and VSL for each standard, are open through **8:00 p.m. Eastern on Monday, July 25, 2011.** Each standard is being balloted separately, with a separate non-binding poll of the VRFs and VSLs for each standard. The three standards are:

- IRO-002-3 Reliability Coordination Analysis Tools
- IRO-005-4 Reliability Coordination Current Day Operations
- IRO-014-2 Coordination Among Reliability Coordinators

Note that the implementation plan for IRO-014-2 includes a conforming change (removal of Requirement R7) to IRO-001.1 - Reliability Coordination — Responsibilities and Authorities.

The drafting team has considered all comments received during an initial ballot and formal comment period that ended on March 7, 2011. The team received few comments or suggested modifications for the three standards and has made minor, non-substantive changes to each standard and its associated implementation plan.

The Standards Committee authorized the team to subdivide the set of standards and conduct individual recirculation ballots with those standards without substantive changes. Three other standards that are part of this project, COM-001-2, COM-002-3, IRO-001-3, have also been revised but because the revisions were more substantive, those standards have been submitted for quality review. Once the drafting team has responded to the feedback from the quality review, the standards will be posted for a parallel 30-day formal comment period and successive ballot.

Note: A version of IRO-001-2 showing only the revision proposed in the IRO-014-2 Implementation Plan (removal of IRO-001-1 R7) has been posted for information. If IRO-014-2 is approved, then the posted version of IRO-001-2 will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption and subsequently filed for regulatory approval. Additional revisions to IRO-001 to respond to comments the drafting team received from the last posting would become IRO-001-3.

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 prior 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 last vote cast in the successive ballot that ended on May 31, 2011 will be carried over.

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes (one vote and one non-binding opinion per standard) in the ballots and non-binding polls for each of the standards from the following page: https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx

Documents associated with this project, including clean and redline copies of each standard and implementation plan that is being balloted, have been posted on the project Web page at: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Reliability Coordination Project 2006-6.html

Background

The Reliability Coordination Standards Drafting Team was tasked with 1) ensuring that the reliability-related requirements applicable to the Reliability Coordinator are clear, measurable, unique, and enforceable; 2) ensuring that this set of requirements is sufficient to maintain reliability of the Bulk Electric System; and 3) revising the group of standards based on FERC Order 693.

During the course of this project, the Reliability Coordination Standards Drafting Team incorporated changes due to the work of the IROL Standards Drafting Team. Two standards from the original Standards Authorization Request (PER-004 and PRC-001) were moved to other projects due to scope overlap. In addition, the scope of Project 2006-06 was expanded to incorporate directives from FERC Order 693 associated with standards IRO-003-2.

For more information review the project Web page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Reliability_Coordination_Project_2006-6.html

Next Steps

Ballot results will be announced when the recirculation ballots close. If the standards are approved by a two-thirds majority, each standard that is approved by its ballot pool will be submitted for adoption by the NERC Board of Trustees prior to filing with regulatory authorities for approval.

Standards Process

The <u>Standard Processes Manual</u> 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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