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## Standards Announcement

### Recirculation Ballot Windows Open

#### July 21–July 31, 2010

#### **Project 2010-12: Order 693 Directives**

A recirculation ballot window for proposed standards from the Order 693 Directives is now open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on July 31, 2010.**

#### **Instructions**

Members of the ballot pool were sent a private e-mail invitation (along with reminder copies) to vote on the ballots associated with this project. The e-mail invitations contain a link to the set of ballots and specific instructions for using this balloting approach.

Please use the link in those e-mails to connect to the recirculation ballots.

#### **Recirculation Ballot Process**

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the ballot pool to review the consideration of comments submitted with the initial ballots as well as the consideration of comments submitted through the public comment period. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if a ballot pool member does not submit a revision to that member's original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot.
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot.
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote.

#### **Next Steps**

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes.

#### **Project Background**

On March 18, 2010, FERC issued several orders and notices of proposed rulemakings pertaining to standards development activities and processes, suggesting a lack of progress in responding to directives from Order 693 as well in the timeliness of standards development in general. At the May 2010 NERC Board meeting, Gerry Cauley, NERC's President, also expressed these concerns, indicating that the resolution to these concerns is one of NERC's top priorities in the near term. In an effort to be more responsive, the Standards Committee approved having NERC assemble a team of experts to assist in reviewing the directives and identifying those which had a significant chance of being non-controversial; i.e., could be modified, balloted, and filed in a very short amount of time.

The Standards Committee approved the following deviations from the standards development process:

- Post the SAR and proposed revisions for a formal shortened comment period (June 18–July 13, 2010)
- Form the ballot pool during the first 15 days of the comment period (June 18–July 2, 2010)
- Conduct an initial 10-day ballot on a line-item basis (July 2–13, 2010)

- Require the withdrawal from balloting any item that has significant disagreement from stakeholders as evidenced in comments and ballot results
- Allow modifications between the initial and recirculation ballots based on stakeholder comments to improve the overall quality of the standard (recirculation ballot July 20–30, 2010)

That team identified 34 directives related to 13 standards as candidates for inclusion in this process. Changes to the standards were developed to address the directives, and the directives were posted for comment and initial ballot. During this time, the Standards Committee created a special Response Team for the project, comprised of the original NERC team of experts and the chairs and vice-chairs of drafting team working on projects related to the standards being modified.

Following the review of the comments received and the results of the initial Ballot, the Response Team has identified six standards addressing several directives from FERC Order No 693 that will be moving forward to recirculation ballot. The six standards and the paragraphs in Order No. 693 containing those directives are as follows:

- BAL-002-1 — Disturbance Control Performance (§ 321)
- EOP-002-3 — Capacity and Energy Emergencies; (§ 577, 582)
- FAC-002-1 — Coordination of Plans for New Generation, Transmission, and End-User Facilities; (§ 693)
- MOD-021-2 — Documentation of the Accounting Methodology for the Effects of Demand-Side Management in Demand and Energy Forecasts; (§ 1300)
- PRC-004-2 — Analysis and Mitigation of Transmission and Generation Protection System Misoperations; (§ 1469)
- VAR-001-2 — Voltage and Reactive Control. (§ 1858, 1879)

The remaining changes have been determined to be too controversial to move forward within the framework of the current project. As such, they have been withdrawn from consideration as part of the balloting associated with Project 2010-12.

More information can be following project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-12\\_Order-693\\_Directives.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-12_Order-693_Directives.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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