

Standards Announcement

Eight Recirculation Ballot Windows Open August 12, 2008

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Recirculation Ballot Windows for IRO-008-1, IRO-009-1 and IRO-010-1 Open August 12, 2008

The [recirculation ballots](#) for the following [Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit](#) (IROL) standards and their associated implementation plan open at 8 a.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, August 12, 2008:

- IRO-008-1— Reliability Coordinator Operational Analyses and Real-time Assessments
- IRO-009-1— Reliability Coordinator Actions to Operate within IROLs
- IRO-010-1— Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection

These standards require the Reliability Coordinator (RC) to take actions to keep the bulk electric system operating within IROLs.

The ballot for each standard includes the retirement or revision of associated requirements from some already approved standards as identified in the table below. The [IROL implementation plan](#) contains the justification for the recommended retirements and revisions.

Note that during the initial ballot window, balloters identified some typographical errors in IRO-004 and IRO-005 and these have been corrected. A redline version of IRO-004 and IRO-005 has been posted to identify, with yellow highlighting, the corrections made. The corrections include the following:

- IRO-004 – changed the reference from “R7” to “R1” for the identification of the first set of VSLs
- IRO-005 – corrected the measures to reference the new requirement numbers

Three Ballots for IROL Standards	
Ballot for New Standard	Includes Modifications to Associated Approved Standards
IRO-008 — RC Operational Analyses and Real-time Assessments	IRO-004-1 — RC – Operations Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retire R1 and R2
IRO-009 — RC Actions to Operate within IROLs	EOP-001-0 — Emergency Operations Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retire R2
	IRO-004-1 — RC – Operations Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retire R3 and R6
	IRO-005-2 — RC – Current Day Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retire R3, R5, R16, R17; ▪ Modify R9, R13 and R14

IRO-010 — RC Data Specification and Collection	IRO-002-1 — RC – Facilities ▪ Retire R2
	IRO-004-1 — RC – Operations Planning ▪ Retire R4, R5
	IRO-005-2 — RC – Current Day Operations ▪ Retire R2
	TOP-003-0 — Planned Outage Coordination ▪ Modify R1.2
	TOP-005-1 — Operational Reliability Information ▪ Retire R1, R1.1
	TOP-006-1 — Monitoring System Conditions ▪ Modify R4

The recirculation ballot for each of the above standards will **close** at 8 p.m. (EDT) on Thursday, **August 21, 2008**.

Five Recirculation Ballot Windows for Project 2006-07 — ATC/TTC and CBM/TRM Open August 12, 2008

The [recirculation ballots](#) for the following [ATC-related standards](#) and their associated implementation plans open at 8 a.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, August 12, 2008:

- MOD-001-1 — Available Transfer Capability
- MOD-008-1 — Transmission Reliability Margin
- MOD-028-1 — Area Interchange Methodology
- MOD-029-1 — Rated System Path Methodology
- MOD-030-1 — Flowgate Methodology

This set of standards requires consistency in the calculation and documentation of Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM), Total Transfer Capability (TTC), Available Flowgate Capability (AFC), and Available Transfer Capability (ATC). (Note that the ATC-related standard for Capacity Benefit Margin is not included in this set of ballots).

The ballot for each standard includes the retirement of associated approved standards as identified in the table below. The [implementation plans](#) contain the justification for the recommended retirements.

Note that during the initial ballot window, balloters identified some typographical errors in MOD-030 and these have been corrected. The errors include the following:

- Applicability 4.1.1 - added a space between "(AFCs)" and "on"
- R1 - replaced the “period” with a “colon” following "(ATCID)"
- R2.1.2 - changed "analyses" to “analysis”
- Added "R"s to all "fourth-tier" requirements (e.g., changed “2.1.1.1” to “R2.1.1.1”)

A redline version of MOD-030 has been posted to identify, with yellow highlighting, the corrections made. In addition, all of the ATC-related standards were missing the “Regional Variances” and “Version History” sections of the standard and these have been added to all five of the standards.



During the initial ballot window, several balloters provided suggestions for additional improvements to MOD-030-1. (The suggested improvements are aimed at allowing additional methods of achieving the same reliability objective – the suggested improvements are not aimed at correcting any errors in MOD-030-1.) Under the existing standards development process, if the drafting team makes these changes to MOD-030-1, then the standard must be posted for an additional comment period, and then the balloting must begin again. This delay would mean that the standard would not be ready to file with FERC before its due date.

To remedy this problem, the drafting team has submitted a SAR to initiate modifications to MOD-030-1, and has received Standards Committee authorization to post the SAR and a proposed version of MOD-030-2 that reflects consideration of comments submitted with the initial ballot of MOD-030-1. The SAR and proposed MOD-030-2 are currently posted for stakeholder review and comment. As envisioned, MOD-030-2 will move through the standards development process and will be filed with governmental authorities before MOD-030-1 becomes effective.

Five Ballots for ATC-related Standards	
Ballot for New Standard	Includes Retirement of Associated Approved Standards
MOD-001-1 — Available Transfer Capability	MOD-001-0 — Documentation of TTC and ATC Calculation Methodologies FAC-012-1 — TC Methodology FAC-013-1 — Establish and Communicate TCs
MOD-008-1 — Transmission Reliability Margin	MOD-008-0 — Documentation and Content of Each Regional TRM Methodology MOD-009-0 — Procedure for Verifying TRM Values
MOD-028-1 — Area Interchange Methodology	FAC-012-1 — TC Methodology FAC-013-1 — Establish and Communicate TCs
MOD-029-1 — Rated System Path Methodology	FAC-012-1 — TC Methodology FAC-013-1 — Establish and Communicate TCs
MOD-030-1 — Flowgate Methodology	FAC-012-1 — TC Methodology FAC-013-1 — Establish and Communicate TCs

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