Standards Announcement
Ballot Pools and Pre-ballot Windows Open
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Ballot Pools and Pre-ballot Windows for IRO-008-1, IRO-009-1, and IRO-010-1

The following Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit (IROL) standards, implementation plan, and a report identifying how the drafting team addressed relevant directives from FERC Order 693 are posted for a 30-day, pre-ballot review starting **June 20, 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 to take actions to keep the bulk electric system operating within IROLs.

There are three separate ballot pools for this set of IROL standards — and any member of the Registered Ballot Body may join as many or as few of the ballot pools as desired — a member wanting to ballot all three of the IROL standards must join all three of the ballot pools. The ballot for each of the IROL standards 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.

Three Ballots for IROL Standards		
Ballot Pool (List Server)	Ballot for New Standard	Includes Modifications to Associated Approved Standards
IROL Standard — IRO-008_in bp-IRO-008_in@nerc.com	IRO-008	IRO-004-1 — RC – Operations Planning - Retire R1 and R2
IROL Standard — IRO-009_in bp-IRO-009_in@nerc.com	IRO-009	EOP-001-0 — Emergency Operations Planning - Retire R2
		IRO-004-1 — RC – Operations Planning - Retire R3 and R6
		IRO-005-2 — RC – Current Day Operations - Retire R3, R5, R16, R17; - Modify R9, R13 and R14
IROL Standard — IRO-010_in bp-IRO-010_in@nerc.com	IRO-010	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

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their "ballot pool list server.[1]" (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The ballot pools will remain open up until **8 a.m.** (**EDT**)**, Monday, July 21, 2008**.

[1]For assistance in using a list server, contact Barbara Bogenrief at 609-452-8060.

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Five Pre-ballot Windows and Ballot Pools for Project 2006-07 — ATC/TTC and CBM/TRM

The following standards related to the determination of Available Transfer Capability (ATC), Total Transfer Capability (TTC), and Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM) and associated implementation plans, are posted for a 30-day, pre-ballot review beginning **June 20, 2008**:

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

This set of ATC-related standards requires consistency in the calculation and documentation of TRM, TTC, AFC, and ATC.

Note that there is another standard in this set, MOD-004-1 — Capacity Benefit Margin (CBM), that is still undergoing revisions and is not ready for ballot. The Standards Committee considered whether to wait until the revisions to MOD-004-1 were complete before moving the entire set of six standards forward to ballot. The committee concluded that the interests of NERC and its stakeholders are best served by proceeding with the ballot for the five standards that are ready. Since there are approved standards in place that address CBM, the five new ATC-related standards can be implemented effectively without the new MOD-004-1.

There are five separate ballot pools for this set of ATC standards — and any member of the Registered Ballot Body may join as many or as few of the ballot pools as desired — a member wanting to ballot all five of the ATC-related standards must join all five of the ballot pools. (Note: these are **new ballot pools** — the ballot pools used to conduct the ATC-related ballots that took place earlier this year have been retired.)

The ballot for each of the standards includes the retirement of associated approved standards as identified in the table below. The implementation plans contain the justification for the recommended retirements.

Five Ballots for ATC Standards		
Standard	Ballot Pool (List Server)	Ballot Includes Retirement of Associated Approved Standards
MOD-001-1 Available Transfer Capability	ATC et al Standards — MOD-001 bp-MOD-001_R1_in@nerc.com	MOD-001-0 FAC-012-1, FAC-013-1

MOD-008-1 Transmission Reliability Margin	ATC et al Standard — MOD-008 bp-MOD-008_R1_in@nerc.com	MOD-008-0, MOD-009-0
MOD-028-1 Area Interchange Methodology	ATC et al Standard — MOD-028 bp-MOD-028_R1_in@nerc.com	FAC-012-1, FAC-013-1
MOD-029-1 Rated System Path Methodology	ATC et al Standard — MOD-029 bp-MOD-029_R1_in@nerc.com	FAC-012-1, FAC-013-1
MOD-030 Flowgate Methodology	ATC et al Standard — MOD-030 bp-MOD-030_R1_in@nerc.com	FAC-012-1, FAC-013-1

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Standards Development Process
The *Reliability Standards Development Procedure 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.

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