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## Standards Announcement

### Successive Ballot Window Open

December 30, 2010 – January 8, 2011

Available December 30, 2010 at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

#### **Project 2010-10: FAC Order 729**

A successive ballot for the proposed standard, FAC-013-2 – Planning Transfer Capability and its associated implementation plan, and a concurrent, non-binding poll on revised VRFs and VSLs are being conducted **Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> through 8:00 pm Eastern on Saturday, January 8, 2011.**

#### **Instructions**

All members of the ballot pool must cast a new ballot since the votes and comments from the last ballot will not be carried over. In addition, members of the ballot pool will need to cast a new opinion on the revised VRFs and VSLs. The drafting team will consider all comments (those submitted with a comment form, and those submitted with a ballot or with the non-binding poll) and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan.

During the successive ballot window, members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Documents for this project, including an off-line unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment form, are posted at the following site:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10\\_FAC\\_Order\\_729.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10_FAC_Order_729.html)

Note that the changes from the last approved version of FAC-013-1 to the proposed FAC-013-2 are so extensive that developing a redline to show the changes is not practical. The drafting team combined FAC-012-1 and FAC-013-1 into a single proposed standard, FAC-013-2. For reference, the last approved versions of FAC-013-1 and FAC-013-1 have been posted on the project's Web page for easy reference at:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10\\_FAC\\_Order\\_729.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10_FAC_Order_729.html)

#### **Next Steps**

The drafting team will consider all comments (those submitted with a comment form, and those submitted with a ballot or with the non-binding poll) and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan.

#### **Project Background**

The proposed standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 729 as well as stakeholder comments received during an initial formal comment period and ballot. In Order 729, FERC ruled that the ATC standards developed in Project 2006-07 did not completely address the topics covered in FAC-012 and -013 and did not fully address the associated directives from Order 693. Accordingly, FERC denied the portions of the

implementation plan that would have retired these standards, and instead directed NERC to use the standards development process to make changes to the FAC standards and file those changes with FERC no later than 60 days prior to the effective date of the standards, which is April 1, 2011 (requiring the proposed changes to be filed on or before January 31, 2011).

## **Applicability of Standards in Project**

Planning Coordinators

## **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](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

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