

April 17, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: One Initial Ballot Window and Three Recirculation Ballot Windows Open on April 17, 2007

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards actions:

Initial Ballot Window Open April 17–26, 2007

Interpretation of VAR-002-1 Requirements 1 and 2

The initial [ballot](#) on the [Interpretation of VAR-002-1](#) — Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltage Schedules, Requirements 1 and 2 will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, April 17 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, April 26, 2007.

This interpretation clarifies the intent of the use of the phrase, “operation in the automatic voltage control mode” in Requirements 1 and 2.

Three Recirculation Ballot Windows Open April 17–26, 2007

Each of the following three recirculation ballots will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, April 17 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, April 26, 2007. All members of the associated ballot pools are encouraged to review the comments submitted with the initial ballots, and the associated drafting team’s responses to those comments.

Members of the ballot pools 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.

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if members don’t indicate a revision to their original votes, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot.

Balance Resources and Demand Standards

The recirculation [ballot](#) for the following set of Balance Resources and Demand standards will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, April 17 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, April 26, 2007. All members of the ballot pool are encouraged to review the comments submitted with the initial ballot, and the drafting team’s [responses to those comments](#).

BAL-007-1 — Balance of Resources and Demand

BAL-008-1 — Frequency and Area Control Error

BAL-009-1 — Actions to Return Frequency to within Frequency Trigger Limits

BAL-010-1 — Frequency Bias Settings

BAL-011-1 — Frequency Limits

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These standards require entities to maintain interconnection scheduled frequency within a predefined frequency profile under all conditions (i.e., normal and abnormal), to prevent unwarranted load shedding and to prevent frequency-related cascading collapse of the interconnected grid. The ballot for the above set of standards also includes the Balance Resources and Demand Implementation Plan.

Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination Standard (NUC-001)

The recirculation [ballot](#) for the Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination (NUC-001-1) standard will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, April 26, 2007. All members of the ballot pool are encouraged to review the comments submitted with the initial ballot, and the drafting team's [responses to those comments](#).

This standard requires coordination between nuclear plant generator operators and transmission entities to ensure safe operation and shutdown of nuclear plants. The ballot for this standard also includes the Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination Implementation Plan.

Interpretation of BAL-005 — Automatic Generation Control Requirement 17

The recirculation [ballot](#) for the Interpretation of BAL-005-0 — Automatic Generation Control Requirement 17 will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, April 26, 2007. All members of the ballot pool are encouraged to review the comments submitted with the initial ballot, and the drafting team's [responses to those comments](#).

The interpretation clarifies that the Balancing Authority is required to check and calibrate its control room time error and frequency devices against a common reference at least annually, but the requirement to “annually check and calibrate” does not address any devices outside of the operations control room.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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