

March 22, 2007

TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Announcement: Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool Open March 22, 2007**

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

**Pre-ballot Window and Ballot Pool for Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit Standards Open March 22, 2007**

The following [Operate within Interconnection Reliability Operating Limit](#) standards are posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review:

- IRO-007-1 — Monitoring the Reliability Coordinator Wide Area
- IRO-008-1 — Reliability Coordinator Operational Analyses and Real-time Assessments
- IRO-009-1 — Reliability Coordinator Actions to Operate Within IROs
- IRO-010-1 — Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection

This set of Version 1 standards requires the Reliability Coordinator to monitor its wide area, to have plans in place to prevent and mitigate instances of exceeding IROs, to direct actions in support of operating within IROs, and to specify and collect reliability-related data needed to prevent instability, uncontrolled separation or cascading outages.

The ballot for the above set of standards also includes the Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits [Implementation Plan](#).

A new [ballot pool](#) to vote on this set of standards has been formed and will remain open up until 8 a.m. (EDT) Monday, April 23, 2007. During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” The list server for this ballot pool is called: [bp-IROL\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-IROL_in@nerc.com)

The initial ballot for this set of standards will be conducted from 8 a.m. (EDT) on Monday, April 23 through 8 p.m. (EDT) Friday, May 4, 2007.

**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](mailto:maureen.long@nerc.net).

Sincerely,

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