



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC  
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

## Standards Announcement

### Initial Ballot Window Open

July 8-July 17, 2010

Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

#### **Project 2007-01: Underfrequency Load Shedding**

An initial ballot window for proposed standards PRC-006-1 — Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding and EOP-003-1— Load Shedding Plans is now open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on July 17, 2010.**

In addition to voting on the standard, members of the ballot pool will be able to vote in a concurrent non-binding poll for the Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) associated with the standard. Members who joined the ballot pool to vote on the standard were automatically entered in a separate pool to participate in the non-binding poll for the VRFs and VSLs. The non-binding poll will appear in your list of current ballots, and is labeled accordingly. (As a reminder, this new approach for VRFs and VSLs is one of the updates reflected in the recently FERC-approved Reliability Standards Development Procedure — Version 7.)

#### **Instructions**

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>

#### **Next Steps**

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes.

#### **Project Background**

Major objectives:

1. Ensure UFLS programs are developed to provide an appropriate level of reliability (not least common denominator).
2. Ensure that the standard is enforceable with clearly defined requirements and unambiguous language.
3. Address the issues raised by FERC Order 693 and other applicable orders.
4. Address the issues raised in the original Standards Authorization Request (SAR) for this project.
5. Address coordination between underfrequency load shedding and generator trip settings during frequency excursions.

Project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Underfrequency\\_Load\\_Shedding.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Underfrequency_Load_Shedding.html)

#### **Special Notes**

On March 18, 2010, FERC issued several orders and notices of proposed rulemakings pertaining to standards development activities and processes, suggesting a lack of progress in responding to directives from Order 693 as well in the timeliness of standards development in general. At the May 2010 NERC Board meeting, Gerry Cauley, NERC's President, also expressed these concerns, indicating that the resolution to these concerns is one of NERC's top priorities in the near term. As a result, the Standards Committee has authorized deviations from the normal standards

development process for the Protection System Maintenance and Testing project, as well as other projects that have been through significant stakeholder review through the development process, to demonstrate that the NERC enterprise is responsive to FERC directives, and is making progress in developing new standards.

The Standards Committee approved the following deviations from the standards development process:

- The proposed changes to the standard and definition will be posted for 35-day comment periods (rather than 45-day comment periods). The ballot pools will be formed during the first 21 days of the 35-day comment periods;
- The initial ballots will be conducted during the last 10 days of the 35-day comment periods; and
- The drafting team may make modifications between the initial and recirculation ballots based on stakeholder comments to improve the overall quality of the standard and definition.

### **Applicability of Standards in Project**

- Planning Coordinators
- UFLS Entities — entities that are responsible for the ownership, operation, or control of UFLS equipment as required by the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators. Such entities may include one or more of the following:
  - Transmission Owners.
  - Distribution Providers.
- Transmission Owners that own Elements identified in the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators.

### **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.

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