

Standards Announcement

Project 2007-03 Real-time Operations

Ballot Pool Window Open April 26 – May 25, 2011

Formal Comment Period Open April 26 – June 9, 2011

Initial Ballot and Non-Binding Poll of VRFs and VSLs May 31 – June 9, 2011

Now available at:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Real-time_Operations_Project_2007-03.html

The Real-time Operations Standards Drafting Team has made revisions to three standards and their associated implementation plan in response to stakeholder comments and a quality review:

- TOP-001-2 Coordination of Transmission Operations
- TOP-002-3 Operations Planning
- TOP-003-2 Operational Reliability Data

Clean and redline versions of these standards and the associated implementation plan and VRFs and VSLs, are posted for a 45-day comment period through Thursday, June 9, 2011.

Note that TOP-001-2, TOP-002-3, and TOP-3-2 reflect the merging of the following standards into a single standard, making it impractical to post a “redline” of the three proposed standards that shows the changes to the last balloted versions of those standards. The last approved versions of the standards listed below have been posted on the project’s web page for easy reference.

- PER-001-0 Operating Personnel Responsibility and Authority
- TOP-001-1 Reliability Responsibilities and Authorities
- TOP-002-2a Normal Operations Planning
- TOP-003-1 Planned Outage Coordination
- TOP-004-2 Transmission Operations
- TOP-005-2 Operational Reliability Information
- TOP-006-2 Monitoring System Conditions
- TOP-007-0 Reporting Sol and IROL Violations
- TOP-008-1 Response to Transmission Violations

During the first 30 days of this period, a new ballot pool is being formed for balloting these standards.

Instructions for Joining the Ballot Pool for Project 2007-03

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot at the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: bp-2007-03_RTO_in@nerc.com

Members who join the ballot pool to vote on the standard will automatically be entered in a separate pool to participate in the non-binding poll of the associated violation risk factor (VRF) and violation severity levels (VSLs).

Instructions for Submitting Comments

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Real-time_Operations_Project_2007-03.html

Please note that comments submitted with ballots will use the same form, and it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit two separate sets of comments (one during the comment period and a second with a ballot). Comments submitted with ballots are extremely valuable to help the drafting team revise its work. However, in an effort to reduce the burden on stakeholders providing comments, the drafting team requests that all comments (both those submitted with a ballot and those submitted by stakeholders not balloting) be submitted through the [electronic form](#). This will ensure that stakeholders only provide a single set of comments. Further instructions will be provided in the announcement that the ballot window is open.

Next Steps

A concurrent ballot of the three standards and the associated implementation plan, and non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs will begin on Tuesday, May 31 through Thursday, June 9, 2011.

Project Background

The Project 2007-03 drafting team has attempted to eliminate redundancy in the Transmission Operations (TOP) family of standards. As part of this process, the drafting team has made an effort to reorganize the standards and requirements in a more logical manner. The team has also made revisions to address outstanding Order 693 directives.

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.



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