



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

Standards Announcement

Recirculation Ballot Window Opens

December 2-13, 2010

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

Project 2007-04: Certifying System Operators

A recirculation ballot window for standard PER-003-1 — Operating Personnel Credentials will be open **on Thursday, December 2nd until 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, December 13, 2010.**

Instructions

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the ballot pool to review the consideration of comments submitted during the last ballot window. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if a ballot pool member does not submit a revision to that member's original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their votes 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

Additional Information

The Standard Processes Manual allows drafting teams to make changes following an initial or successive ballot with a goal of improving the quality of a standard, provided those changes do not alter the applicability or scope of the proposed standard. Following the initial ballot the Certifying System Operators drafting team modified the footnotes in the standard for improved clarity. A redline version of the standard showing the modified footnotes has been posted for stakeholder review.

Note that PER-003-1 reflects extensive changes to the previously approved version of the standard (PER-003-0), making it impractical to post a "redline" of proposed PER-003-1 that shows the changes to the last balloted version of the standard. For stakeholders who want to see the last approved version of PER-003-0, the standard has been posted on the [Certifying SOs project page](#) for easy reference.

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the standards, Violation Risk Factors, Violation Severity Levels and associated implementation plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Project Background

PER-003-0, a “Version 0” standard, requires each Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, and Transmission Operator to staff its real-time operating positions with personnel that have a NERC certification credential. The standard is being revised to address the directives from FERC Order 693 and industry comments from Version 0.

Further details are available on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Certifying_SOs_Project_2007-04.html

Applicability of Standards in Project

Balancing Authority

Reliability Coordinator

Transmission Operator

Standards 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,
Standards Process Administrator, at monica.benson@nerc.net or at 609.452.8060.*

North American Electric Reliability Corporation

116-390 Village Blvd.

Princeton, NJ 08540

609.452.8060 | www.nerc.com