

## Standards Announcement

### Interpretation of BAL-002-0 for NWPP Reserve Sharing Group Project 2009-19

Ballot Pool Forming: July 25, 2012 – August 23, 2012  
Formal Comment Period Open: July 25, 2012 – September 4, 2012

Upcoming:  
Successive Ballot August 23, 2012 – September 4, 2012

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A formal comment period for the Interpretation of BAL-002-0 - Disturbance Control Performance Requirements R4 and R5 by NWPP Reserve Sharing Group is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, September 4, 2012** and a ballot pool is forming through **8 a.m. Eastern Thursday, August 23, 2012**.

#### Instructions for Joining Ballot Pool

Registered Ballot Body members must join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in balloting of the Interpretation of BAL-002-0 Requirements R4 and R5 at [Join Ballot Pool](#).

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

**Successive ballot:** [bp-2009-19\\_BAL-002\\_SB\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2009-19_BAL-002_SB_in@nerc.com)

The ballot pool is open **through 8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 23, 2012**.

#### Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, September 4, 2012**. 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](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

**Please read carefully:** All stakeholders with comments (both members of the ballot pool as well as other stakeholders, including groups such as trade associations and committees) must submit comments through the [electronic comment form](#). During the ballot window, balloters who wish to submit comments with their ballot may no longer enter comments on the balloting screen, but may

still enter the comments through the electronic comment form. **Balloters who wish to express support for comments submitted by another entity or group will have an opportunity to enter that information on the electronic survey and are not required to answer any other questions.**

### Next Steps

A Successive ballot of the interpretation will be conducted beginning Thursday, August 23, 2012 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

### Background

Northwest Power Pool Reserve Sharing Group (NWPP) submitted a request for interpretation asking for clarification in three specific areas of BAL-002-0 Disturbance Control Performance. The specific areas NWPP is requesting clarification on are; 1) although a Disturbance that exceeds the most severe single Contingency must be reported by the Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group (as applicable), is the Disturbance excluded from compliance evaluation for the applicable Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group; 2) with respect to either simultaneous Contingencies or non-simultaneous multiple Contingencies affecting a Reserve Sharing Group, the exclusion from compliance evaluation for Disturbances exceeding the most severe single Contingency applies both when (a) all Contingencies occur within a single Balancing Authority member of the Reserve Sharing Group and (b) different Balancing Authorities within the Reserve Sharing Group experience separate Contingencies that occur simultaneously, or non-simultaneously but before the end of the Disturbance Recovery Period following the first Reportable Disturbance; and 3) the meaning of the phrase “excluded from compliance evaluation” as used in Section 1.4 (“Additional Compliance Information”) of Part D of BAL-002-0 and for purposes of the preceding statements is that, with respect to Disturbances that exceed the most severe single Contingency for a Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group (as applicable), a violation of BAL-002-0 does not occur even if ACE is not recovered within the Disturbance Recovery Period (15 minutes unless adjusted pursuant to BAL-002-0, R4.2).

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

### Standards Development Process

The [Standards 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.

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