

## Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window March 16-April 15, 2010

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# Project 2008-09: Interpretation of EOP-001-0 for Regional Entity Compliance Managers (Revision 3)

An interpretation of standard EOP-001-0 — Emergency Operations Planning, Requirement R1, for the Regional Entity Compliance Managers is posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on this interpretation **until 8 a.m.** Eastern on April 15, 2010.

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: <u>bp-2008-09\_RFI\_RECM-Rv3\_in@nerc.com</u>.

#### **Next Steps**

Voting will begin shortly after the pre-ballot review closes.

### **Project Background**

The Regional Entity Compliance Managers group submitted a request for an interpretation of EOP-001-0 Requirement R1. Under Requirement R1, the Balancing Authority must have operating agreements with adjacent Balancing Authorities that contain provisions for emergency assistance, including emergency assistance from remote Balancing Authorities. The request asked for clarification on specific terminology and the applicability of Reserve Sharing Group Agreements.

This is the third revision of the interpretation. The drafting team revised the interpretation to address balloter concerns regarding the wording in the response to question 2. Balloters indicated the wording appeared to limit the Balancing Authority to agreements with Balancing Authorities within the same interconnection, which may be interpreted to nullify the use of existing agreements that cross interconnections as sufficient to meet this requirement.

The changes to the interpretation are shown in a redline version posted on the project page. The team has also posted a response to comments received during the initial ballot (conducted in November 2009) of the second revision.

Project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/EOP-001-0\_Interpretation\_RECM.html

#### **Standards Development Process**

The <u>Reliability Standards Development Procedure</u> 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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