

Special Procedures

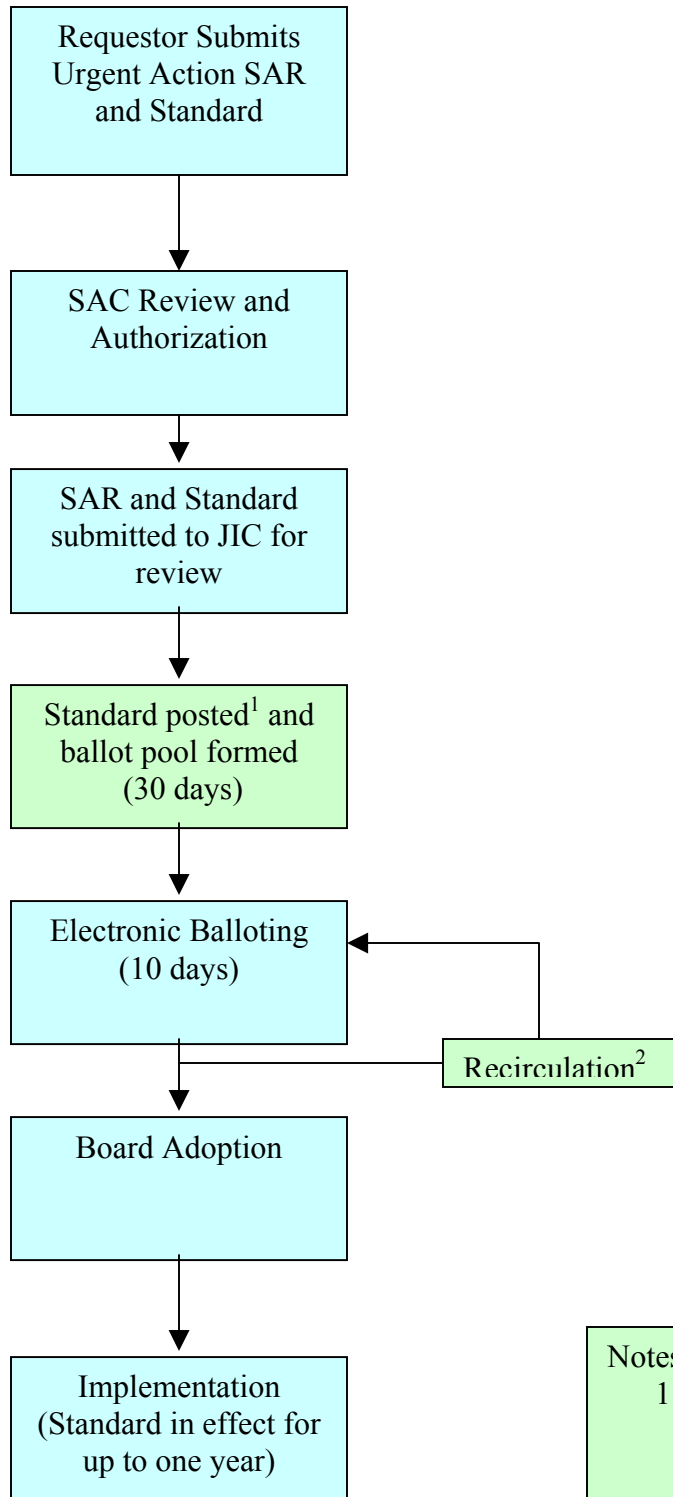
Urgent Actions

Under certain conditions, the Standards Authorization Committee may designate a proposed standard or revision to a standard as requiring urgent action. Urgent action may be appropriate when a delay in implementing a proposed standard or revision can materially impact reliability of the bulk electric systems. The Standards Authorization Committee must use its judgment carefully to ensure an urgent action is truly necessary and not simply an expedient way to change or implement a standard.

A Requester prepares a SAR and a draft of the proposed standard and submits it to the Standards Process Manager. The SAR must include a justification for urgent action. The Standards Process Manager submits the request to the Standards Authorization Committee for its consideration. If the Standards Authorization Committee designates the requested standard or revision as an urgent action item, then the Standards Process Manager shall immediately seek participants for a ballot pool from the registered ballot body and shall post the draft for registered ballot body review for a minimum of 30 days. At the conclusion of the posting period, a ten-day electronic ballot is conducted, following the same voting procedure as a traditional NERC reliability standard.

Any standard approved as an urgent action shall have a termination date specified that shall not exceed one year from the approval date. Should there be a need to make the standard permanent, then the standard would be required to go through the full consensus process. Urgent actions that expire may be renewed no more than once using the urgent action process again, in the event a permanent standard is not adopted.

Urgent Action Flow Diagram



Notes:

- 1 The purpose of this posting is for the RBB to familiarize itself with the standard. This is not a posting for comment.
- 2 A recirculation ballot is only conducted if negative votes with comments are received during the initial ballot