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TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement: Standards Ballot Windows Open September 19–29, 2006

The Standards Committee (SC) announces the following standards actions:

Ballot Window Opens for FAC-010, FAC-011, and FAC-014

The [ballot window](#) for the following standards will open at 8 a.m. (EPT) on Tuesday, September 19 and will close at 8 p.m. (EPT) on Friday, September 29, 2006:

- [FAC-010](#) — System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon
- [FAC-011](#) — System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon
- [FAC-014](#) — Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits

These standards require the Planning Authority and Reliability Coordinator to each have a methodology for developing System Operating Limits (SOLs); require that various entities develop SOLs following these methodologies; and require that SOLs be communicated to the entities that use these limits. This set of standards will be balloted with a single ballot.

Ballot Window Opens for Interpretation of PER-003 Requirement 1

The [ballot window](#) for the interpretation to PER-003 — Operating Personnel Credentials, Requirement 1 will open at 8 a.m. EPT on Tuesday, September 19 and will close at 8 p.m. EPT on Friday, September 29, 2006.

Hydro One requested an [interpretation of PER-003](#) Operating Personnel Credentials, Requirement 1. This requirement addresses the need to have NERC-certified operating personnel on shift in required positions at all times. The interpretation was developed by the Personnel Subcommittee with assistance from NERC staff and clarifies that personnel performing switching operations, under the supervision of certified supervisors, do require certification if the personnel performing switching operations have the authority and responsibility to perform real-time independent actions that impact the reliability of the interconnected Bulk Power System.

Standards Development Process

The NERC posting and balloting procedures are described in the [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#), which 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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Sincerely,

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