

## Standards Announcement

### Project 2006-02 Assess Transmission and Future Needs

### Recirculation Ballot Now Open

July 13-July 22, 2011

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

A recirculation ballot for the proposed standard, TPL-001-2 — Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements is being conducted through **8:00 pm Eastern on Friday, July 22, 2011.**

The drafting team has made a number of non-substantive changes to address comments from the parallel comment period and successive ballot that concluded on May 31, 2011. No changes were made to the text of any Requirements; however, the team made the following minor modifications to the standard:

- Changed bullets under Requirements R3 and R4 to numbers
- Added more words to the evidence retention for Requirements R5 and R6 to align more closely with the language in the associated requirement
- Rearranged the wording of the third Severe VSL for R1 for clarity
- Added the word, "results" to all VSLs for Requirement R8 for closer alignment with the language in the associated requirement

The team also made the following minor modifications to the Implementation Plan:

- Rearranged content but did not change proposed phasing of requirements
- Added more specificity to the language identifying when the already approved standards will be retired. (Midnight the day before TPL-001-2 becomes effective)
- Corrected some typographical errors.

Documents for this project, including clean and redline versions of TPL-001-2 and the implementation plan are posted at the following site: <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Assess-Transmission-Future-Needs.html>.

Note that because TPL-001-2 incorporates requirements from several standards, it is not practical to produce a redline showing changes to the last approved version. The last approved versions of each of the following standards have been posted for reference: TPL-001-1; TPL-002-1b; TPL-003-1a; TPL-004-1; TPL-005-0; and TPL-006-0.1.

### Instructions

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their prior votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not

participate in the recirculation ballot, that member's last vote cast in the successive ballot that ended on May 31, 2011 will be carried over.

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

### **Next Steps**

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If the standard is approved by a two-thirds majority, it will be submitted for adoption by the NERC Board of Trustees prior to filing with regulatory authorities for approval.

### **Background**

TPL-001-2 is designed to be a single, comprehensive, and coordinated standard that merges the requirements of four existing standards: TPL-001-1; TPL-002-1b; TPL-003-1a; TPL-004-1 and also results in the retirement of TPL-005 and TPL-006. The proposed standard includes several new definitions. The purpose of the proposed standard is to establish transmission system planning performance requirements within the planning horizon to develop a bulk electric system that will operate reliably over a broad spectrum of system conditions and following a wide range of probable contingencies.

Additional information about this project is available on the project page at <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Assess-Transmission-Future-Needs.html>.

### **Standards Development 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 at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

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