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## Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Window Open June 23–July 6, 2010

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

### **Project 2006-04: Backup Facilities**

An initial ballot window for EOP-008-1 — Loss of Control Center Functionality is now open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on July 6, 2010.**

In addition to voting on the standard, members of the ballot pool will be able to vote in a concurrent non-binding poll on the Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) associated with the standard. Members who joined the ballot pool to vote on the standard were automatically entered in a separate pool to participate in the non-binding poll for the VRFs and VSLs. The non-binding poll will appear in your list of current ballots, and is labeled accordingly. (As a reminder, this new approach for VRFs and VSLs is one of the updates reflected in the recently FERC-approved Reliability Standards Development Procedure — Version 7.)

### **Instructions**

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.

### **Project Background**

The purpose of the standard is to ensure continued reliable operations of the Bulk Electric System in the event that a control center becomes inoperable. The standard has been modified significantly from the “Version 0” standard to add more specificity to the requirements and to address issues raised by FERC in Order 693. The standard incorporates a number of changes based on input received from the industry during the drafting and comment process.

Project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup\\_Facilities.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup_Facilities.html)

### **Standards Development Process**

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) 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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