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TO: REGISTERED BALLOT BODY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Announcement
Comment Period Opens for two SARs;
Nomination Period Opens for two SAR Drafting Teams

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

System Restoration and Blackstart SAR (November 6–December 5, 2006)

A new SAR, *System Restoration and Blackstart,* has been posted for a 30-day comment period from November 6 through December 5, 2006. The SAR calls for the modification of the following standards:

> EOP-005 — System Restoration Plans
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> EOP-006 — Reliability Coordination – System Restoration
>
> EOP-007 — Establish, Maintain, and Document a Regional Blackstart Capability Plan
>
> EOP-009 — Documentation of Blackstart Generating Unit Test Results

This project involves upgrading the overall quality of the four standards; eliminating some gaps in the requirements; eliminating some ambiguity, and eliminating some 'fill-in-the-blank' components.

The development may include other improvements to the standards deemed appropriate by the drafting team, with the consensus of stakeholders, consistent with establishing high quality, enforceable, and technically sufficient bulk power system reliability standards.

Please use the comment form to provide comments on this SAR.

Backup Facilities SAR (November 6–December 5, 2006)

A new SAR, *Backup Facilities,* has been posted for a 30-day comment period from November 6 through December 5, 2006. The SAR calls for the modification of the following standards:

> COM-001: Telecommunications
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> EOP-008: Plans for Loss of Control Center Functionality

This project involves upgrading the overall quality of the standards; adding specificity to the existing requirements; and eliminating redundancies with other standards.

The development may include other improvements to the standards deemed appropriate by the drafting team, with the consensus of stakeholders, consistent with establishing high quality, enforceable and technically sufficient bulk power system reliability standards.

Please use the comment form to provide comments on this SAR.

Nominations for System Restoration and Blackstart SAR Drafting Team (November 6–17, 2006)

The Standards Committee is seeking industry experts to serve on the System Restoration and Blackstart SAR Drafting Team. If you are interested in serving on this team, please complete this nomination form and return it to Richard Schneider (Richard.schneider@nerc.net) no later than November 17, 2006.

Nominations for Backup Facilities SAR Drafting Team (November 6–17, 2006)

The Standards Committee is also seeking industry experts to serve on the Backup Facilities SAR Drafting Team. If you are interested in serving on this team, please complete this nomination form and return it to Richard Schneider (Richard.schneider@nerc.net) no later than November 17, 2006.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

Sincerely,

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