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## Standards Announcement

Comment Period Open

February 4–March 8, 2010

Now available at: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup\\_Facilities.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup_Facilities.html)

### Project 2006-04: Backup Facilities

The Backup Facilities Standard Drafting Team is seeking comments on proposed standard EOP-008-1 — Loss of Control Center Functionality **until 8 p.m. Eastern on March 8, 2010.**

An initial ballot for EOP-008-1 was conducted from September 16–28, 2009. Instead of proceeding to recirculation ballot, the proposed standard has been reposted for industry review and comment. The drafting team revised the standard based on industry comments submitted during the initial ballot, and the team has posted its consideration of those industry comments. The drafting team is requesting stakeholders to review the red-line version of the standard, the VSL Guidelines, and the drafting team’s justification for the proposed VSLs (all of which are posted on the project page).

### Instructions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Lauren Koller at [Lauren.Koller@nerc.net](mailto:Lauren.Koller@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup\\_Facilities.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Backup_Facilities.html)

### Next Steps

The drafting team will draft and post responses to comments received during this period. The drafting team will also determine whether to post the standard for an additional comment period or seek approval from the Standards Committee to proceed to balloting.

### Project Background

The purpose of the standard is to ensure continued reliable operations of the bulk power 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.

### Applicability of Standards in Project

Reliability Coordinators  
Transmission Operators  
Balancing Authorities

### 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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