

Standards Announcement

Project 2009-01 Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting

Ballot Pool Window Now Open: Oct. 28 – Nov. 28, 2011

Formal Comment Period Open: Oct. 28 – Dec. 12, 2011

Initial Ballot Window: Dec. 2 – 12, 2011

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EOP-004-2 – Event Reporting (clean and redline showing changes to the last posting), an implementation plan (clean and redline to the last posting), and several associated documents (listed below) have been posted for a formal comment period and initial ballot that will end at 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, December 12, 2011. Two ballot pools are being formed – one for balloting the standard, and a separate ballot pool for the non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs. The ballot pool window is open through 8 a.m. Eastern on Monday, November 28.

(Please note that this is 8 a.m. on the Monday following Thanksgiving weekend – Registered Ballot Body members interested in joining the ballot pools for this project should plan accordingly).

The following associated documents have been posted for stakeholder review and comment:

- Consideration of Comments Report – Provides a summary of the modifications made to the proposed standard and supporting documents based on comments submitted during the formal comment period that ended April 8, 2011
- Mapping Document - Identifies each requirement in the two already-approved standards that are being consolidated into EOP-004-2 (EOP-004-1 and CIP-001-1a), and identifies how the requirement has been treated in the revisions proposed Draft 3 of EOP-004-2
- VRF/VSL Justification – Explains how the VRFs and VSLs the drafting team has proposed for EOP-004-2 comply with guidelines that FERC and NERC have established for VRFs and VSLs
- Unofficial comment form in Word format – This is for informal use when compiling responses – the final must be submitted electronically

Instructions for Joining Ballot Pools for EOP-004-2 and Associated VRFs/VSLs

Two separate ballot pools are being formed – one ballot pool for Registered Ballot Body (RBB) members interested in balloting of EOP-004-2, and a second for RBB members interested in casting an opinion during the non-binding poll of VRFs and VSLs associated with EOP-004-2. RBB

members who join the ballot pool for the standard **will not** be automatically entered in the ballot pool for the non-binding poll, but must elect to join the second ballot pool.

To join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballots and non-binding poll go to: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot windows, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.)

The ballot pool list server for the initial ballot is: bp-2009-01_DSR_in@nerc.com

The ballot pool list server for the non-binding poll is: bp-2009-01_DSR_NB_2011_in@nerc.com

Instructions for Commenting

Please use this [electronic form](#) ONLY to submit comments. In order to avoid duplication, please indicate “submitted comments electronically” on the ballot and non-binding poll comment section to avoid duplication.

If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

An initial ballot of EOP-004-2 will be conducted beginning on Friday, December 2, 2011 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, December 12, 2011.

Background

Stakeholders have indicated that identifying potential acts of “sabotage” is difficult to do in real time, and additional clarity is needed to identify thresholds for reporting potential acts of sabotage in CIP-001-1. Stakeholders have also reported that EOP-004-1 has some requirements that reference out-of-date Department of Energy forms, making the requirements ambiguous. EOP-004-1 also has some ‘fill-in-the-blank’ components to eliminate.

The project will include addressing previously identified stakeholder concerns and FERC directives; will bring the standards into conformance with the latest approved version of the ERO Rules of Procedure; and 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.

Additional information is available on the [project webpage](#).

A stakeholder interested in following the Disturbance and Sabotage Reporting Drafting Team's development of EOP-004-2 may monitor meeting agendas and notes on the team's "[Related Files](#)" web page or may submit a request to join the team's "plus" e-mail list to receive meeting agendas and meeting notes as they are distributed to the team. To join the team's "plus" e-mail list, send an e-mail request to: sarcomm@nerc.net. Please indicate the drafting team's name in the subject line of the e-mail.

Standards 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.

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