

Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Window Open October 4–14, 2010

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Interpretation of EOP-001-0 Emergency Operations Planning Requirement R1 for the Regional Entity Compliance Managers (Project 2008-09)

A recirculation ballot window for an interpretation of EOP-001-0 Requirement R1 for the Regional Entity Compliance Managers is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on October 14, 2010**.

Project Background

The Regional Entity Compliance Managers group submitted a request for an interpretation of EOP-001-0 Requirement R1. Under Requirement R1, the Balancing Authority must have operating agreements with adjacent Balancing Authorities that contain provisions for emergency assistance, including emergency assistance from remote Balancing Authorities. The request asked for clarification on specific terminology and the applicability of Reserve Sharing Group Agreements.

Recirculation Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the Ballot Pool to review the consideration of comments submitted with the initial ballots. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only. If a Ballot Pool member does not submit a revision to that member's original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote

Transition from Reliability Standards Development Procedure Version 7 to Standard Processes Manual

Under the Reliability Standards Development Procedure Version 7, interpretations did not have any comment period and were posted for ballot once they were drafted. Under the Standard Processes Manual, each interpretation is posted for a 30-day formal comment period; then the drafting team responds to comments; then the interpretation (revised if needed) is posted for a 45-day formal comment period conducted in parallel with an initial ballot. If there are no significant changes to the interpretation and the initial ballot sufficient affirmative votes for approval, then the interpretation proceeds to a recirculation ballot.

The addition of a comment period before the pre-ballot review period and the addition of a comment period in parallel with the initial ballot, are steps that were added to the process based on stakeholder comments indicating that interpretations needed more stakeholder input before being finalized.

This interpretation had already been through an initial ballot when the Standard Processes Manual was

approved, and no changes were made to the interpretation following the initial ballot; thus, this interpretation is moving forward for a recirculation ballot.

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the recirculation ballot window closes.

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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