



## Standards Announcement

Ballot Window Open

June 19–June 30, 2008

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### **Ballot Window for Interpretation of EOP-001-0 Requirement R1 for Regional Entity Compliance Managers is Open**

The [initial ballot](#) for the Interpretation of EOP-001-0 — Emergency Operations Planning Requirement R1 for the Regional Entity Compliance Managers is open through **8 p.m. EDT, Monday, June 30, 2008**.

The Regional Entity Compliance Managers group submitted a [Request for an Interpretation](#) of EOP-001-0 — Emergency Operations Planning 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 the following clarifications:

- Define the scope and time horizon associated with “emergency assistance.”
- Does “adjacent Balancing Authority” mean one or all adjacent Balancing Authorities?
- What is a “remote Balancing Authority?”
- Does a Balancing Authority participating in a Reserve Sharing Group under BAL-002-0 need additional operating agreements to be compliant with EOP-001-0 Requirement R1?

The [Interpretation](#) provides the following clarifications:

- Emergency assistance is emergency “energy” and would normally be arranged for during the current operating day. The agreement should describe the conditions under which the emergency energy will be delivered to the responsible Balancing Authority.
- An adjacent Balancing Authority is one that has AC tie lines with the responsible Balancing Authority and the standard does not require agreements with all adjacent Balancing Authorities.
- A remote Balancing Authority is a Balancing Authority other than an adjacent Balancing Authority and the responsible Balancing Authority is not required to have arrangements in place to obtain emergency energy assistance with all remote Balancing Authorities.
- A Balancing Authority that is compliant with BAL-002-0 — Disturbance Control Performance Requirement R2 through participation in a Reserve Sharing Group Agreement, is not required to establish additional operating agreements for EOP-001-0 Requirement R1.

### **Standards Development Process**

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure 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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