

Standards Announcement Two Recirculation Ballots January 6–15, 2009

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Recirculation ballot windows for the following projects are now open until 8 p.m. EST on January 15, 2009:

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

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?

This version of interpretation includes edits to the version posted for initial ballot. The request and interpretation are posted on the following page: <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/EOP-001-0 Interpretation RECM.html>

Interpretation of VAR-002-1a — Generator Operation for Maintaining Network Voltage Schedules (Project 2008-11)

ICF Consulting submitted a formal Request for Interpretation, which asked for the following clarifications:

- Which requirements in VAR-002 apply to Generator Operators that operate generators that do not have automatic voltage regulation (AVR) capability?
- Does the standard require a Generator Owner to acquire AVR devices to comply with the requirements in this standard?

The interpretation provides the following clarifications:

- All the requirements and associated subrequirements in VAR-002-1a apply to Generator Owners and Generator Operators that own or operate generators whether equipped with an automatic voltage regulator or not.
- There are no requirements in the standard that require a generator to have an automatic voltage regulator, nor are there any requirements for a Generator Owner to modify its generator to add an automatic voltage regulator.

The request and interpretation are posted on the following page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-11_VAR-002_Interpretation.html

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.

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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