

## North American Electric Reliability Council

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Version 0 Reliability Standards Q&A Webcast and Conference Call November 30, 2004 2–5 p.m. EST

To: Reliability Stakeholders

Date: November 30, 2004, 2–5 p.m. EST

Subject: NERC Version 0 Reliability Standards

## Speakers: Representatives of Version 0 Reliability Standards Drafting Team

Representatives of the Version 0 Reliability Standards Drafting Team will be available from 2–5 p.m. EST on November 30, 2004, to answer questions on the proposed standards. The format is a webcast (presentation display) combined with a conference call (audio). The session will begin with a short overview presentation on the Version 0 standards. Following the presentation, industry participants will be able to ask questions of members of the drafting team.

The drafting team has worked since May 2004 to translate existing NERC operating policies, planning standards, and compliance templates into reliability standards using the ANSI-accredited process. As part of the translation, the drafting team was requested to:

- Identify Functional Model designations where practical.
- Identify business practices for assignment to the North American Energy Standards Board.
- Convert passive voice to a more active voice.

The drafting team posted Draft 3 of the Version 0 Reliability Standards on November 3 for a 30-day period prior to a vote by the ballot pool. The balloting is scheduled to occur from December 3 to 13. A recirculation ballot, if required, will be conducted from December 20 to January 7.

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Adopting the Version 0 Reliability Standards is an important step toward completing the recommendations of the U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force and NERC's own recommendations stemming from the August 14, 2003, blackout. An immediate benefit of the Version 0 Reliability Standards will be increased clarity in accountability for following NERC standards, achieved by adopting the Functional Model and by stating all requirements in more direct language. The Version 0 standards will also provide a foundation for continued development of NERC standards using NERC's open, ANSI-accredited process.

This session provides an opportunity for members of the ballot pool and others to have their questions regarding the Version 0 standards answered by the drafting team. For more information on the Version 0 Reliability Standards, go to:

http://www.nerc.com/~filez/standards/Version-0.html.

The conference information is provided below:

Topic: Version 0 Reliability Standards Webcast and Conference Call Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2004 Time: 2–5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Web cast meeting number: 711 961 355 Meeting password: nercv0 Conference Call dial-in number: 904-779-4720 Facilitator: Gerry Cauley

Please click the following link to see more information, and to join the meeting.

## https://nerc.webex.com

If you are a new user, prepare your computer in advance of the meeting by clicking "New User" on the navigation bar.

Please contact Nan Whiting at <u>nan.whiting@nerc.net</u> regarding webcast questions.

Questions on the Version 0 Reliability Standards should be sent to Gerry Cauley at <u>gerry.cauley@nerc.net</u>. Participants are encouraged to submit written questions to Gerry Cauley in advance of the session.

Sincerely,

Gerry Cauley Director – Standards

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