

Standards Announcement:

Comment Period Open: Reliability Standards Development Plan

May 20–July 6, 2009

Comment Form Available at:

[http://www.nerc.com/files/Standards Input Form Final 2008June30.doc](http://www.nerc.com/files/Standards_Input_Form_Final_2008June30.doc)

As part of our annual project for revising the NERC Reliability Standards Development Plan (Plan), we are seeking comments on the current [Reliability Standards Development Plan: 2009-2011](#) to be used as the basis for drafting the *Reliability Standards Development Plan: 2010-2012*. Comments relative, but not limited, to the following issues are of particular interest to NERC:

- Perceived gaps in NERC Reliability Standards and recommendations for eliminating the perceived gaps
- Prioritization (as implied by the timing of the projects) of the projects included in the Plan and recommendations for adjusting the timing of individual projects
- Potential future projects for addressing changes in or development of new reliability standards

To submit comments about the Plan or NERC standards in general, please e-mail a completed copy of the [Reliability Standards Suggestions and Comments](#) form to sarcomm@nerc.net with the words “Standards Suggestions” in the subject line. While general comments are always welcome, the deadline for this comment period is **July 6, 2009**.

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Schedule:

After all comments are reviewed, a draft of the 2010-2012 Plan will be posted for industry comment in August 2009. Based on comments received in August, the Plan will be revised again and presented to the NERC Standards Committee for approval in October and to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval in November. The revised *Reliability Standards Development Plan: 2010-2012* will be filed with applicable regulatory authorities the end of 2009.

Background:

The overall objective of the Plan is to ensure the reliability of the Bulk Electric System through improved reliability standards. Each project listed in the Plan will be assigned a drafting team, who will be responsible for performing a thorough review and improvement of the standards associated with the project, including:

- Revising the reliability objective, title, and purpose statement of the standards for clarity
- Revising the applicability section of the standards to add specifications for entities, facilities, and responsibilities and integrate functional model changes

- Improving the wording of requirements and measures in the standards

Refining the compliance elements of the standards

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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