NPCC Entities and Members of the NERC Registered Ballot Body,

The subject project is posted for a final ballot through 8pm November 6, 2014. The previous ballot, an “Additional” ballot, achieved quorum and an approval rate of 71.38%, sufficient to pass. This project has now moved to a final ballot with subsequent approval by the NERC Board of Trustees scheduled for November 2014, contingent on continued support during this final ballot. The Regional Standards Committee of NPCC has reviewed the standard and did not reach a consensus however the majority of members indicated that they would support the standard. NPCC, as the regional entity, continues to support an Affirmative vote for passage of this standard for the following reasons:

- The standard was developed with the input from NERC’s event analysis group who identified the benefit to the industry and reliability need for having sufficient DM capability on the system for the efficient analysis of events and reliable operation.
- The standard received two cost effectiveness evaluations and solicited industry for alternate approaches to uniform continent wide solutions to achieve the standard’s objective.
- The standard provides uniform requirements across all regions of the minimum level of DM capability that must be on the system to allow NERC and the Regions to enable effective analysis of events and promote operational excellence.
- The standard ultimately will replace the standard originally filed by NERC and fulfills the obligation placed on the ERO to address the “fill in the blank” concerns identified by FERC in Order 693.
- The standard will facilitate the retirement of the NPCC Regional DM standard and alleviate compliance concerns for entities operating in multiple regions.

If you previously cast a ballot during the “Additional Ballot” period there is no need to recast, unless you change your position. Additionally I will note that the FERC approved standards development process has been followed, the concerns expressed by the industry have been reviewed by the subject matter experts on the NERC standard drafting team and all suggestions have been considered. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank-you,

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