NPCC Members and Entities of the NERC Registered Ballot Body,

The Regional Standards Committee RSC has reviewed the two standards associated with the subject project’s initial ballot which is open through 8pm November 9th, 2015. The RSC has not reached a consensus ballot recommendation. The project addresses two outstanding Directives as a result of FERC Order 693. The Directives require NERC to modify the standards to require a minimum set of tools for the RC and TOP to accomplish their function. The Commission clarified that the intent was on “capability” not on specific tools or products. The Standard Drafting Team believes they have addressed the Commission’s concerns and created revisions to the two affected standards (IRO-018-1 and TOP-010-1) which achieve an adequate level of reliability without being overly prescriptive on the “how.” Some members of the RSC believe the standard is not results-based, tools have improved, and there is no longer a reliability related concern which needs to be addressed by a standard.

In review of the standards we did note the use of the phrase in R1.1 of both standards “but not limited to”. This language typically resides in a Measure and it is problematic from a compliance and audit perspective. NPCC will submit its comments and concerns with the standards. In recognition that the capabilities of the RC and TOP are important to reliability, but also that improvement of the standard is possible, and tools and processes have improved since FERC issued the Order 693 Directives, NPCC will cast an abstention ballot as the Regional Entity. RuiDa Shu will have the NPCC comments posted prior to the closing date of the ballot/comment period.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank-you,

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Reminder

Project 2009-02 Real-time Reliability Monitoring and Analysis Capabilities
IRO-018-1 and TOP-010-1

Initial Ballots and Non-binding Polls Open through November 9, 2015

Now Available

Initial ballots for IRO-018-1 – Reliability Coordinator Real-time Reliability Monitoring and Analysis Capabilities and TOP-010-1 – Real-time Reliability Monitoring and Analysis Capabilities and non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels are open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, November 9, 2015.

Balloting

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the standards and non-binding polls by clicking here. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, contact Nasheema Santos.

If you are having difficulty accessing the Standards Balloting & Commenting System due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out, contact NERC IT support directly at EROhelpdesk@nerc.net (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Eastern).

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period and determine the next steps for the project.


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