NPCC Members and Entities of the NERC Registered Ballot Body,

A 45-day formal comment period and ballot for FAC-003-4 Transmission Vegetation Management is open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC) has reviewed the standard and has reached a consensus to recommend voting “Negative” to reject this draft of the Standard. The RSC noted a number of problems with the standard. NERC has been notified and is addressing these issues which will be reflected in the next draft. Due to process issues no corrections or revisions are allowed once the standard is posted. The issues are as follows.

- Table 2 in the Standard has a missing column(s)
- RSC was made aware of an issue pertaining to incorrect “rounding” of the numbers appearing in the table. Some of the numbers, intended to be minimums were rounded “down”.
- The drafting team incorrectly changed Planning Coordinator to Planning Authority which is an older term NERC had not intended on using.

As the Regional Entity, NPCC will be casting a “Negative” ballot to reject the standard.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Thanks,

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