NPCC Members of the NERC Registered Ballot Body,

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC) has reviewed the subject standard EOP-004-4 which is currently posted for an “Additional Ballot” period until 8pm - January 6, 2017. This latest revision incorporates clarifications to Requirement 2 regarding reporting times and provides recognition of an entity’s potential “next” business day. Another change made was to only require reporting if both Interpersonal Communication and Alternate Communication are lost at a staffed BES Control Center.

A previous issue which had been raised in the previous draft of this standard was the deletion from Attachment 1 of the need to report all IROL violation in excess of $T_v(30 \text{ mins})$ by the RC. It has been determined that there currently are other standards and sufficient compliance mechanisms in place to address IROLs and SOLs that render this reporting requirement a Paragraph 81 type of requirement (redundant and primarily administrative in nature with little benefit to reliability).

NPCC RSC members have indicated their support for this latest draft of the standard and support an “Affirmative” vote for the EOP-004-4 standard and also a “Positive Opinion” for the Non-binding Poll (NBP). NPCC, as the Regional Entity, will cast ballots respective of these positions. Also posted for “Final Ballot” through 8pm January 6, 2017 are EOP-005-3 “System Restoration from Blackstart Resources” and EOP-006 “System Restoration Coordination.” The RSC has previously recommended supporting these standards and that recommendation stands for this final ballot. Further information about this project may be found on the NERC project page: http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2015-08-Emergency-Operations.aspx

If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank-you,

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