NPCC Members and Entities of the NERC Registered Ballot Body,

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC) has reviewed the subject revised standards currently posted for ballot through 8pm October 17, 2018. The project includes the standards and documents listed below. NPCC members and staff have been engaged and participating in the revision project. This project proposes to revise requirements for determining and communicating these SOLs. Revisions are necessary to improve the requirements by eliminating overlap with approved Transmission Planning (TPL) requirements, enhancing consistency with Transmission Operations (TOP) and Interconnection Reliability Operations (IRO) standards, and addressing issues with determining and communicating SOLs and Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits (IROLs) as noted by FERC. The projects scope is broad and proposes redefining SOL as well as retiring FAC-010 “System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon.” Retirement of FAC-010 has created the need to revise other standards associated with the PC identification of SOLs. Additionally, a future phase will review the IROL issues which have been raised pertaining to standardizing their determinations.

The RSC has not reached a consensus on a ballot position for the posted standards however only one issue has been pointed out that may preclude support by one of the RCs. The issue pertains to the lack of a Drastic Action Limit (5 min limit) and how that may affect operating within SOLs and compliance with the standard. The issue does currently exist with the approved standards however and doesn’t represent a risk to reliability. **NPCC as the Regional Entity will support all the posted materials and cast an Affirmative vote and Positive opinion on the non-binding poll.**

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Guy V. Zito
Chair RSC
NPCC Asst. Vice President Standards
Ballots and Non-binding Polls Open through October 17, 2018

Now Available

Ballots and non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels are open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, October 17, 2018 for the following:

- CIP-014-3 – Physical Security
- FAC-003-5 – Transmission Vegetation Management
- FAC-011-4 - System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon
- FAC-013-3 – Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-term Transmission Planning Horizon
- FAC-014-3 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limit
- FAC-015-1 - Coordination of Planning Assessments with the Reliability Coordinator's SOL Methodology
- PRC-002-3 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements
- PRC-023-5 – Transmission Relay Loadability
- PRC-026-2 – Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings
- Implementation Plan
- Proposed Definition - System Operating Limit

The standard drafting team’s considerations of the responses received from the last comment period are reflected in these drafts of the standards.

Balloting

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project can log in and submit their votes by accessing the Standards Balloting and Commenting System (SBS) here. If you experience issues navigating the SBS, contact Linda Jenkins.

Note: If a member cast a vote in the previous ballot, that vote will not carry over to this additional ballot. It is the responsibility of the registered voter in the ballot pool to cast a vote again in this ballot. To ensure a quorum is reached, if you do not want to vote affirmative or negative, cast an abstention.

- If you are having difficulty accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out, contact NERC IT support directly at https://support.nerc.net/ (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern).
- Passwords expire every 6 months and must be reset.
- The SBS is not supported for use on mobile devices.
- Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to allow at least 48 hours for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts prior to the last day of a comment/ballot period.

Next Steps

The ballot results will be announced and posted on the project page. The drafting team will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project.