Unofficial Comment Form
2014 Work Plan for NERC Reliability Standards Development

Please DO NOT respond using this form, as it is provided for explanation only. Please use the electronic comment form to provide comments on the 2014 Work Plan. The electronic comment form must be completed and submitted by 8:00 p.m. ET on Friday, February 21, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Noess via email or by telephone at (404) 446-9691.

Background Information
At the Standards Committee Project Management Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) meeting on January 17, 2014, NERC staff and PMOS discussed enhancements to the jointly developed Project Tracking Spreadsheet that is posted on the NERC Standards website. The 2014 Work Plan represented by the spreadsheet provides anticipated milestones for projects under development in 2014. While specific details on the development status for all projects are available from their respective project pages on the NERC website, the Project Tracking Spreadsheet is intended to be a useful project management tool for stakeholders to view the 2014 Work Plan. Recognizing that certain aspects related to the precise timing for posting a project for comment and ballot are dependent upon industry consensus considerations, the status of projects represented in the Project Tracking Spreadsheet are dynamic and the actual status for each project will be updated as 2014 progresses. As facts and circumstances warrant, additional projects may be added in response to regulatory directives, input from RISC, or to meet goals of the NERC strategic plan.

The Project Tracking Spreadsheet also provides the anticipated project scheduling for those projects that were prioritized in the 2014-2016 Reliability Standards Development Plan (RSDP). As noted in the RSDP, “[f]or purposes of tracking implementation of the RSDP Reliability Standard projects, PMOS and NERC Standards staff will continue to coordinate and track the projects via the Project Tracking Spreadsheet . . .”

It is important to note that the second quarter of the spreadsheet appears to have ballots beginning for several projects, but all projects may not in fact be ready for posting as indicated. The spreadsheet will track actual milestones as the projects progress. In addition, each block on the spreadsheet represents 15 days, and while projects appear to overlap, the actual posting dates will be more evenly distributed. In particular, the postings will be spaced through the use of the Standards Committee’s endorsed posting guideline to ensure there are not too many projects posted at one time.
Questions
You do not have to answer all questions. Enter all comments in plain text format. Bullets, numbers, and special formatting will not be retained.

1. The 2014 Work Plan in the Project Tracking Spreadsheet outlines anticipated milestones, including expected ballot and comment periods, for all known projects in 2014. The anticipated posting timelines in the Work Plan were developed to balance posting activities across 2014 in order to minimize the possibility of having too many projects posted for comment and ballot at any given time. Are you comfortable with the 2014 Work Plan’s proposed schedule?
   ☑ Yes
   ☐ No
   Comments: The 2014 Work Plan is a very aggressive schedule. It must be recognized that the PMOS spreadsheet assumes everything will be moving to final ballot after the initial ballot. If that is not the case, then the dates will shift increasing the possibilities of subsequent project resolution overload.

2. Do you have specific comments on the format or usefulness of the 2014 Work Plan represented in the Project Tracking Spreadsheet, or do you have any other suggested enhancements?
   ☐ Yes
   ☑ No
   Comments: