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NPCC Full and General Members,

Subject: Open Process Posting of the NPCC Regional Standards Process Manual

Attached for your review is a revised version of the *NPCC Regional Standards Process Manual* along with a comment form containing questions designed to facilitate feedback on the revisions.

Recent changes to the NERC Standards Process Manual in addition to the development processes of other Regional Entities have been benchmarked to identify best practices for inclusion in this revision.

Accordingly the NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC) is proposing revisions to the Manual in order to incorporate these modifications.

Key changes include:

- An expanded Interpretation Section including a narrative describing process steps and a corresponding flowchart.
- The development of separate sections for: 1) the Withdrawal of a Regional Standard Pending Approval; 2) the Retirement of an Approved NPCC Regional Standard; 3) the Approval of a Process Waiver; 4) and the Process for Correcting Errata
- Integrating NPCC's Cost Effectiveness Analysis Procedure (CEAP) into the Manual.
- Identifying the Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet (RSAW) as a companion document to a regional standard which is developed by the Standard Drafting Team and the NPCC Compliance Staff
- Creating three new appendices: 1) Appendix A: Regional Standard Authorization Request (RSAR) Completion Guidelines and Form; 2) Appendix B: Selection of Drafting Team Members and Nomination Form; and 3) Appendix C: Maintenance of Regional Standards and Process



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Additionally, because these revisions represent an extensive rewrite of the existing Manual a redlined copy of the changes is impractical.

The NPCC Open Process Review may be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.npcc.org/Standards/SitePages/DevStandardsList.aspx>

Comments on the revised *NPCC Regional Standards Process Manual* will be received for forty five days through July 5th, 2013 and all comments will be addressed by the RSC.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the NPCC Open Process review or the content of this document.

Thank you.

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