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NPCC Members and Entities of the NERC Registered Ballot Body,

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (RSC) has reviewed the subject standard and non-binding poll currently posted for an initial ballot through 8pm October 23, 2017 . We have not reached a full consensus on a ballot position for this initial NERC Ballot. There have been some concerns expressed with the draft as written. Mainly these concerns apply to a reference of extreme events implicitly requiring corrective action plans and timetables for implementation (R4, Part 4.2.2.1 and R4, Part 4.2.2.2) if analysis of these events could lead to Cascading.

In developing your ballot position for the standard please consider the following. NPCC's A-10 BPS methodology document identifies NPCC's BPS busses and where to apply the more stringent Directory 1 "Design and Operation of the BPS" and Directory 4 "System Protection Criteria." Proper adherence to the criteria should not result in identifying situations that could lead to a Cascading outage as a result of not having redundant protection systems already in place (i.e. critical locations where a single point of failure could in fact lead to a cascading event). The potential for any of NPCC's entities to identify cascading and have to develop some type of corrective action plan under R4 seems minimal. However, this relies on the validity and proper application of the current A-10 BPS testing methodology to have correctly identified all of NPCC's BPS Busses. An issue the RSC has all agreed to is the potential for improvement to the language in Requirement 4. As it exists, it is not clearly conveying the expectations for compliance. In a conversation with a drafting team member he indicated that the language as it appears in the draft is a compromise between what the industry is willing to do and what the FERC Staff in attendance at the meetings seem to want. It doesn't require a Corrective Action Plan as defined by NERC, however does state the need to perform an "evaluation of possible actions" to the identified event that could lead to cascading and "List" deficiencies, actions and timetable for implementation.

In synopsis, a majority of the RSC members will not be supporting the standard as currently written. NPCC will be submitting comments to identify the consensus issues raised and, as the Regional Entity, casting an abstention for this initial ballot and a positive opinion for the non-binding poll.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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# Standards Announcement

## Reminder

### Project 2015-10 Single Points of Failure

Initial Ballot and Non-binding Poll Open through October 23, 2017

#### [Now Available](#)

An initial ballot for **TPL-001-5 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements** and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels are open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, October 23, 2017**.

#### 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 any difficulties in navigating the SBS, contact [Wendy Muller](#).

- *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.

For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Latrice Harkness](#) (via email) or at (404) 446-9728.

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