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NPCC Members and Entities of the NERC Registered Ballot Body,

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee has reviewed the posted materials. An “Additional Ballot” for the Standard-FAC-014-3 “Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits”, along with non-binding polls for each associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, is being conducted and **concludes at 8pm EDT, April 5, 2021**. During the last ballot, this standard narrowly failed with a score of 66.61% (66.67% was needed). The SDT made some minor changes to FAC-014 since the last ballot, the redline to the last posting may be found here:

https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Project%20201509%20Establish%20and%20Communicate%20System%20Op/2015-09_FAC-014-3_redline_to_last_posted_202102.pdf

The project also included a number of revisions to other standards for this project, previously approved in earlier ballots. In order to maintain consistency with CIP-002 criteria language, the SDT will not be modifying CIP-014 during this project. The applicability language regarding the derivation of IROs will not be changed in CIP-014 at this time. The SDT has made significant enhancements in the Facilities Design, Connections, and Maintenance (FAC), Transmission Operations (TOP) and Interconnection Reliability Operations (IRO) standards addressing issues with determining and communicating SOLs and Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits (IROs). NERC is still evaluating what conforming changes and approaches would be appropriate for the CIP-002 and CIP-014 language. Also, due to the retirement of FAC-013 (see FERC Order No. 873), the revisions to that standard will not move forward. Lastly, FAC-010-3 - System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon was also previously approved for retirement during earlier stages of this project however remains in force and has not been filed for final approvals. To help you determine what standards are “in-force” and mandatory, please use the one-stop-shop on the NERC website which may be found here:

https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Standard%20Purpose%20Statement%20DL/US_Standard_One-Stop-Shop.xlsx

NPCC, as the Regional Entity, will be casting an “Affirmative” vote on the FAC-014-3 standard and a “Positive Opinion” on the non-binding poll. Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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