

RSSC Members:

NERC has posted the second draft of EOP-005-2 — System Restoration and Blackstart Resources — Operations and EOP-006-2 — System Restoration and Blackstart Resources — Coordination have been posted for a 30-day comment period from January 7 through February 5, 2008. The NERC announcement is located at:

[http://www.nerc.com/~filez/standards/System\\_Restoration\\_Blackstart.html](http://www.nerc.com/~filez/standards/System_Restoration_Blackstart.html)

The standards ensure that plans and facilities are established and personnel are in place to enable system restoration from Blackstart resources to ensure that reliability is maintained during restoration.

The current drafts of the standards (version 2) contain the following revisions:

1. Merging EOP-007-0 (Establish, Maintain, and Document a Regional Blackstart Capability Plan) and EOP -009-0 (Documentation of Blackstart Generating Unit Test Results) into the above mentioned standards (EOP-005-2 and EOP-006-2). This helps remove redundancy and provide clarity to the various requirements associated with the operational and coordination aspects of system restoration standards.
2. Clarity on the roles of the Reliability Coordinator (RC), Generator Operator (GOP), and Transmission Operator (TOP) during the system restoration planning and implementation stages.
3. Accounting for the possibility that actual system restoration could deviate from the original restoration plan – system operators to use professional judgement in case of deviations.
4. Annual review of the restoration plan by the RC and the TOP with changes or modifications, if any, to be made to the restoration plan within 90 days of observing system changes or changes to neighbouring RC's restoration plans.
5. Compliance Elements - Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Time Horizons have been added to the requirements.
6. Cross reference to another NERC reliability standard (NUC-001) for restoration of off-site power to nuclear facilities.
7. All control room personnel must have access to the latest restoration plans.
8. Training - Transmission Operators must provide at least 2 hours of system restoration training per year for filed switching personnel who are associated with its restoration plan (not all field switching personnel – only those who perform restoration related tasks).

Please review the NERC announcement along with the draft standards and provide us with any comments or concerns that you may have by the **31<sup>st</sup>** of this month.