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Members, Reliability Coordinating Committee  
and

Messrs: Henry Masti  
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Re: Regional Standards Committee - Status Report

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Regional Standards Committee (RSC), which reports to the NPCC Board of Directors, is responsible for tracking, coordinating and soliciting comments from NPCC membership on issues pertaining to the development of NERC and NPCC Reliability Standards.

As of the date of this transmittal, since the last RCC meeting, the RSC has been and continues to be involved with the following activities.

- Coordination of regional comments, interpretations, and NERC balloting requirements for:

1. Modification of CIP Standards and VSLs
2. MOD Standards
3. EOP Standards
4. TOP Standards
5. PRC Standards
6. NUC Standards
7. IRO Standards
8. TPL Standards
9. BAL Standards
10. INT Standards
11. Interpretations for CIP and EOP standards
12. Various implementation plans
13. Functional Model Technical Document - Version 5

- The Regional Disturbance Monitoring Standard Drafting Team met and evaluated the comments received from the third posting of the Draft Standard. The comment responses have been developed and the necessary endorsements

leading to ballot and approvals are in process. NPCC DT Chair and NPCC staff have met with the FERC to discuss the standard. The plan is to have the Standard approved by the NPCC General Members, BOD and submitted to NERC and the applicable governmental authorities for approval in 2010.

- The NPCC Regional Standard Drafting Team for UFLS has been meeting in order to establish regional requirements for NPCC's UFLS program. Major discussion topics within the drafting team have been coordination of UFLS program characteristics and generator tripping, as well as program requirements for small entities. The initial draft of the standard was posted to the Open Process for 45 days from July 13<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>. The UFLS RSDT is presently continuing their effort on the standard by responding to comments received in the first posting, and developing the Measures and Compliance sections of the document.

This standard was presented to the FERC and comments were received to ensure the standard adheres to all applicable past FERC Orders as they pertain to shedding of firm load.

The actual submittals to NERC as well as all documents pertaining to the above items may be found on the NPCC website at the following link:

[NPCC :: Regional Standards :: Open Process :: Regional Standards](#)

The RSC continues to monitor and review the development of Regional Standards in other regions, most notably in RFC and MRO. NPCC is on the drafting team and participating in the development of key Regional Standards in the RFC, SERC and MRO regions to ensure consistency, uniformity and also to ensure the security and robust reliability in the northeast is not affected by Standards other regions in the Eastern Interconnection are developing. The NPCC Open Process website page is updated periodically to promote Inter-Regional review of area Criteria; also an additional Open Process page has been created for the Regional Standards Development Process.

The next RSC meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with conference calls conducted as needed.

Very truly yours,  
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cc: RSC, Regional Standards Committee