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# NERC RRSWG Report

- **Regional Reliability Standards Working Group**
  - February 9, 2010
- **Fill-in- the-blank Standards**
  - Much concern, but little progress
  - Priorities
- **Results-based Standards**
  - Training being developed
  - Demonstration: Vegetation Management standard
- **NERC Glossary Definitions**
  - Proposed procedure was rejected
  - Any change to definitions is problematic
  - Regional definitions not included

# NERC Standards Development Procedure

- **Significant Changes Proposed to Improve Quality and Timeliness of NERC Standards**
  - Smaller drafting teams (~7), including writer
  - Same team drafts SAR and NERC Standard
  - More informal SAR process for directives and revisions
  - Require technical justification for SAR (reliability benefits)
  - Eliminate formal comments/responses on preliminary drafts of standard
    - Informal feedback solicited on interim drafts, which are publicized/promoted to industry
    - Formal comments/responses on final draft only
  - Legal/quality review of final draft
  - Concurrent comment period/ballot period for final draft



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# NERC Advisory Subcommittee of RSC

**After separation from ERCOT, TRE will have a vote on NERC standards**

- **One Option: Form an Advisory Subcommittee of RSC to consider NERC Standards issues**
- **Identify individuals in Region who are knowledgeable and interested in NERC activities**
  - Segment representative membership
  - Permit broader participation (PRS model?)
- **This subcommittee would advise TRE on NERC voting issues as well as other issues relating to the NERC Standards process**
  - Could file group comments on NERC projects if desired
- **Comments requested**

# **SAR-008 – CIP-001-TRE-1**

- **Regional Variance to apply CIP-001 requirements to TO and GO**
- **Fills reliability gap until NERC revision is completed (NERC Project 2009-01)**
- **Urgent process recommended**
  - No SDT, no formal comments
  - Approved by RSC and TRE Board of Directors
  - Expedited consideration by NERC/FERC
  - Expires one year after approval
- **Plan to bring this to RSC for approval next month**

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