



**Announcement: Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation (BAL-502-RF-03) Posted for 15-Days Prior to Category Ballot (January 3, 2017 thru January 17, 2017)**

**The ReliabilityFirst Standards Committee announces that the draft Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation (BAL-502-RF-03) standards and the supporting documents are currently posted for the required 15-days prior to Category Ballot beginning January 3, 2017.** The main purpose of the drafting effort was revise the existing FERC approved ReliabilityFirst Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation (BAL-502-RFC-02) Standard to address two FERC Directives as noted in [FERC Order No 747](#) (FERC Order initially approving the Standard). The two FERC directives include (1) add time horizons to the two main requirements, and (2) consider modifying the regional Reliability Standard to include a requirement that the planning coordinators identify any gap between the needed amount of planning reserves defined in Requirement R1.1 and the planning reserves determined from the resource adequacy analysis. The Standard Drafting Team also made miscellaneous non-substantive formatting changes to better align with the format of NERC Reliability Standards.

The draft ReliabilityFirst BAL-502-RF-03 standard, draft Implementation Plan, responses to comments, redline of changes compared original Standards and associated supporting documents can be found on the [BAL-502-RF-03 website](#). Once the 15-day pre-ballot posting is completed, the 15-day Category Ballot for the ReliabilityFirst BAL-502-RF-03 drafting effort is expected to begin on January 18, 2017.

**Also, per the ReliabilityFirst Reliability Standards Development Procedure, entities may [join the Ballot Pool](#) for BAL-502-RF-03 effort through the close of business of the seventh day of the 15-Day pre-ballot posting period (Ballot Pool closes at 11:59 PM Central Time (CT) on January 9, 2017). Please note that individuals must be registered in the ReliabilityFirst [Ballot Body](#) first in order to join the BAL-502-RF-03 Ballot Pool. If you need to register in the ReliabilityFirst Ballot Body, please navigate to the [Registered Ballot Body webpage](#) and submit the [Ballot Body registration form](#).**

Once again we would like to thank you for your participation in the ReliabilityFirst Regional Standards drafting process. If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Jablonski [anthony.jablonski@rfirst.org](mailto:anthony.jablonski@rfirst.org) at 216-503-0693. Thank you and have a great day.