Unofficial Comment Form

Project 2010-05.2 Special Protection Systems
Phase 2 of Protection Systems

Please **DO NOT** use this form for submitting comments. Please use the [electronic form](https://www.nerc.net/nercsurvey/Survey.aspx?s=367443a5a6964ccdbb70740124b87e0b) to submit comments on the proposed definition of Remedial Action Scheme (RAS). The electronic comment form must be completed by **8 p.m. Eastern, Friday, July 25, 2014.**

If you have questions, please contact Al.McMeekin@nerc.net or by telephone at (803) 530-1963.

The project page may be accessed by clicking [here](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2010-05_2%E2%80%93Special-Protection-Systems.aspx).

## Background Information

The existing NERC Glossary of Terms definition for “Special Protection System” (“SPS”) or “Remedial Action Scheme” (“RAS”) lacks the specificity necessary to consistently identify what equipment or protection schemes qualify as SPS or RAS across the eight NERC Regions. The existing definition also does not clearly stipulate the characteristics of a SPS or RAS. The actions listed in the definition of “Special Protection System” and “Remedial Action Scheme” are ambiguous and may unintentionally include equipment whose purpose is not expressly related to preserving System reliability in response to predetermined System conditions. Employing a single term; i.e., RAS, and clarifying its definition will lead to more consistent application of the NERC Reliability Standards related to RAS.

The proposed definition of RAS must be broad to include the variety of System conditions monitored and corrective actions taken by RAS. This “broadness”; however, necessitates an exclusion list because without the exclusions, equipment and schemes that should not be considered RAS could be subject to the requirements of the RAS-related Reliability Standards. The exclusion list assures that commonly applied protection and control systems are not unintentionally included as RAS.

**Note:** The term “**Remedial Action Scheme**” **(**“**RAS**”**)** is and will be used throughout the documents associated with this Project to reflect the proposed retirement of the term “Special Protection System” (“SPS”).

**Questions**

You do not have to answer all questions. Enter comments in simple text format. Bullets, numbers, and special formatting will not be retained.

1. Do you agree that using a single term; i.e., RAS, and clarifying its definition will lead to more consistent application of the related NERC Reliability Standards? If not, please provide specific suggestions and rationale.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Are there additional corrective actions that should be explicitly included in the proposed definition of RAS? If yes, please provide specific suggestions and rationale.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Are there additional objectives that should be explicitly included in the proposed definition of RAS? If yes, please provide specific suggestions and rationale.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Do you agree with the exclusion list in the proposed definition of RAS? If not, please provide specific suggestions and rationale.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Do you agree with the time frames in the proposed Implementation Plan associated with the proposed definition of RAS? Please provide specific comments in support of your position.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

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