

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-07 Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface

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Ballot Pool Forming March 2 – 31, 2012
Formal Comment Period Open March 2 – April 16, 2012
Initial Ballot Window Open April 6 – 16, 2012

[Available Friday, March 2, 2012](#)

The Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface drafting team has posted very limited revisions to PRC-005-1a – Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing, along with an implementation plan, for a parallel formal 45-day comment period and initial ballot. Because of the limited nature of the changes, the Standards Committee has authorized waiving the initial 30-day comment period.

Note that more substantive revisions to PRC-005-2 (under Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance and Testing) are also posted for a parallel 30-day formal comment period and successive ballot through March 28, 2012. The Project 2010-07 SDT recognizes this and supports the work of that team, whose changes eliminate the need for the surgical addition of “generator interconnection Facility” made in PRC-005-1.1a. Because the Project 2010-07 SDT cannot predict the outcome of Project 2007-17 and wants to ensure that generator interconnection Facilities are appropriately addressed in PRC-005 whether or not PRC-005-2 proceeds to NERC's Board this year, it has elected to continue with its revisions to PRC-005-1.1a.

Instructions for Joining the Ballot Pool for Project 2010-07

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot of PRC-005-1.1a at the following page: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot windows, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: bp-2010-07_PRC-005-1.1a_in@nerc.com

Instructions for Commenting

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period and ballot for the standard all use the same electronic form, and it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form.

Next Steps

An initial ballot of PRC-005-1.1a will begin on Friday, April 6, 2012 and end at 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, April 16, 2012.

Background

The purpose of Project 2010-07 is to ensure that all generator-owned Facilities are appropriately covered under NERC's Reliability Standards. While many Generator Owners and Generator Operators operate Facilities, commonly known as generator interconnection Facilities, that are considered by some entities to be transmission, these are most often radial Facilities that are not part of the integrated grid. As such, they should not be subject to the same standards applicable to Transmission Owners and Transmission Operators who own and operate Transmission Elements and Facilities that are part of the integrated grid.

As part of the BES, generators so affect the overall reliability of the BES. But registering a Generator Owner or Generator Operator as a Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator, as has been the solution in some cases in the past, may decrease reliability by diverting the Generator Owner's or Generator Operator's resources from the operation of the equipment that actually produces electricity – the generation equipment itself.

The drafting team's goal is to ensure that an adequate level of reliability is maintained in the BES by clearly describing which standards need to be applied to generator interconnection Facilities that are not already applicable to Generator Owners or Generator Operators. The SDT believes that properly applying PRC-005-1.1a to Generator Owners as proposed in the redline standard posted for comment supports this objective.

Before reviewing the standards, the drafting team encourages all stakeholders to read the technical justification resource document it has provided to describe its rationale and its work thus far.

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

Standards Development Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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