

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-17 Definition of the Bulk Electric System Phase 2 | Draft 1

Formal Comment Period: May 29, 2013 – July 12, 2013

Ballot Pool Forming Now: May 29, 2013 – June 27, 2013

Upcoming – Initial Ballot: July 3-12, 2013

Now Available

A formal comment period for Phase 2 of the Definition of the Bulk Electric System (DBES) is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, July 12, 2013**. A ballot pool is being formed and the ballot pool window is open through **8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, June 27, 2013** (*please note that ballot pools close at 8 a.m. Eastern and mark your calendar accordingly*).

Special note concerning Phase 1 DBES implementation and relationship to Phase 2: Although NERC is prepared to implement the Phase 1 definition on July 1, 2013 as planned, on May 23, 2013 NERC filed a [Motion For an Extension Of Time](#), asking FERC to grant an extension of the effective date of the Phase 1 definition of Bulk Electric System, from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014, in order to alleviate regulatory uncertainty. If the extension is granted, the implementation plan for Phase 1 would also be extended based on the extension of the effective date. FERC approved the Phase 1 definition of BES in [Order No. 773](#), but also directed changes. These changes, along with work previously assigned to the drafting team for Phase 2, are being implemented through the standards development process during Phase 2 of this project.

Background information for this project can be found on the [project page](#).

Instructions for Joining Ballot Pool(s)

Registered Ballot Body members must join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the balloting of the DBES - Phase 2. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool at the following page: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using the “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list server.)

The ballot pool list server for this ballot pool is: bp-2013 Project 2010-17@nerc.com

The ballot pool is open **through 8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, June 27, 2013.**

Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, July 12, 2013.** Please use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact [Wendy Muller](#). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

An initial ballot will be conducted July 3, 2013 through 8 p.m. ET Friday, July 12, 2013.

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.

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