

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2010-17 – Definition of Bulk Electric System

Informal Comment Period Open: October 4, 2012 – November 5, 2012

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An informal comment period for the Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System (DBES) - Guidance Document is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, November 5, 2012.**

The Bulk Electric System Definition was approved by the NERC Board of Trustees on January 19, 2012, [filed with FERC on January 25, 2012](#) and FERC proposed to approve in its in June 22, 2012 [Notice of Proposed Rule Marking \(NOPR\)](#)

### **Instructions for Commenting**

An informal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, November 5, 2012.** 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](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

### **Background**

During the course of Project 2010-17 DBES, several commenters requested the Standard Drafting Team (SDT) to create a guidance document explaining how the revised definition will be applied. The SDT has not had the opportunity to develop such a document until now due to the deadlines imposed by FERC to deliver the revised Bulk Electric System definition. The posted document is intended to provide such guidance.

The purpose of this document is to assist the industry with the application of the revised definition that FERC proposed to approve in its June 22, 2012. If FERC does not approve this definition, the guidance document will be revised accordingly. Examples are provided where appropriate but should not be considered as all-inclusive. The document is intended to provide clarification and explanations for the application of the revised definition in a consistent, continent-wide basis for the majority of BES Elements.

Additional information can be found on the [project page](#).

**Standards Development Process**

The [Standards 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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