

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System Phase 2

Comment Period Now Open: January 4 – February 3, 2012

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The Definition of Bulk Electric System Standard Drafting Team (DBES SDT) has posted a Standard Authorization Request (SAR) for Phase 2 of Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System for comment through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, February 3, 2012.

During Phase 1 of this project, stakeholders identified a number of possible refinements to clarify which Elements are necessary for the reliable operation of the interconnected transmission network, but because of the regulatory deadline imposed by FERC Orders 743 and 743-A, the team was not able to develop the technical justification required to support making such refinements. The Standards Committee and NERC Board of Trustees supported initiation of Phase 2 of the project to provide an opportunity to further evaluate and develop technical justification for refinements proposed by stakeholders.

The team is seeking comments on the scope of the proposed Phase 2 project as well as specific suggestions for existing sources of data or technical input to support revisions.

Instructions for Commenting

A comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, February 3, 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. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

The drafting team will review the comments and determine whether to make changes to the SAR before proceeding with Phase 2 of the project. The drafting team is not obligated to provide individual responses to each comment on existing sources of data or technical input to support revisions but will provide a summary Consideration of Comments on those items.

Background

On November 18, 2010 FERC issued Order 743 and directed NERC to revise the definition of Bulk Electric System so that the definition encompasses all Elements and Facilities necessary for the reliable operation and planning of the interconnected bulk power system. Phase 1 of Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System achieved stakeholder approval of a revised definition of Bulk Electric

System and application form titled 'Detailed Information to Support an Exception Request' referenced in the Rules of Procedure Exception Process, and the revised definition and exception process will be filed with FERC by the required January 25, 2012 deadline.

Phase 2 of the project is being initiated to develop and analyze technical justification for refinements to the definition that were suggested by stakeholders during Phase 1.

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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