

Standards Announcement

Reminder

Standard Processes Manual Appendix 3A to the NERC Rules of Procedure

Initial Ballot Open through May 3, 2017

[Now Available](#)

An initial ballot is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, May 3, 2017** for the following sections of the Standard Processes Manual (SPM):

- Section 2.1 - Definition of a Reliability Standard;
- Section 3.7 - Governmental Authorities;
- Section 6.0 - Process for Conducting Field Tests;
- Section 7.0 - Process for Developing an Interpretation;
- Section 8.0 - Process for Appealing an Action or Inaction; and
- Section 11.0 - Process for Approving Supporting Documents.

Balloting

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the SPM sections by clicking [here](#). If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, contact [Nasheema Santos](#).

If you are having difficulty accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out, contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern).

- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS is **not** supported for use on mobile devices.*
- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

Next Steps

The ballot results will be announced and posted on the SPM page. NERC will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project.

For more information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact Manager of Standards Information, [Chris Larson](#) (via email), or at (404) 446-9708.

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