

Standards Announcement

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

Formal Comment Period Open through May 3, 2017
Ballot Pool Forming through April 18, 2017

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A 45-day formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, May 3, 2017** for the following sections of the Standard Processes Manual (SPM), Appendix 3A to the NERC Rules of Procedure:

- 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.

Commenting

Use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments on the SPM. If you experience any difficulties using the electronic form, contact [Nasheema Santos](#). An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Join the Ballot Pool

The ballot pool is being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, April 18, 2017**. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool [here](#).

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

An initial ballot on the revisions to the SPM sections specified above will be conducted April 24 – May 3, 2017.

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 (404) 446-9708.

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