

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2010-07 Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface

Ballot Window Open April 6, 2012 through April 16, 2012

### [Available April 6](#)

An initial ballot for PRC-005-1.1a – Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing is **open Friday, April 6 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, April 16, 2012.**

### Instructions for Balloting

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the standards by clicking [here](#).

### Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period, the ballot and the non-binding polls use the same electronic form. Therefore, it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. Companies or entities with representatives in multiple segments of the ballot pool may submit a single set of comments by identifying themselves as a “group” on the comment form. Likewise, it is **preferable** for a group of separate entities that develop comments jointly to submit the comments as a “group.” **The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form, and that companies in multiple segments as well as individual entities that develop joint comments with other entities submit their comments as a “group,” with the list of group members and their associated Industry Segments.**

### Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period and initial ballot and if needed, make revisions to the standard.

### Background

The purpose of Project 2010-07 is to ensure that all generator-owned Facilities are appropriately covered under NERC’s Reliability Standards. While many Generator Owners and Generator Operators operate Facilities, commonly known as generator interconnection Facilities, that are considered by some entities to be transmission, these are most often radial Facilities that are not part of the integrated grid. As such, they should not be subject to the same standards applicable to Transmission

Owners and Transmission Operators who own and operate Transmission Elements and Facilities that are part of the integrated grid.

As part of the BES, generators also affect the overall reliability of the BES. But registering a Generator Owner or Generator Operator as a Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator, as has been the solution in some cases in the past, may decrease reliability by diverting the Generator Owner's or Generator Operator's resources from the operation of the equipment that actually produces electricity – the generation equipment itself.

The drafting team's goal is to ensure that an adequate level of reliability is maintained in the BES by clearly describing which standards need to be applied to generator interconnection Facilities that are not already applicable to Generator Owners or Generator Operators. The SDT believes that properly applying PRC-005-1.1a to Generator Owners as proposed in the redline standard posted for comment supports this objective.

Before reviewing the standards, the drafting team encourages all stakeholders to read the technical justification resource document it has provided to describe its rationale and its work thus far.

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

### **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](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

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