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Standards Announcement

Abbreviated Informal Comment Period Open

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Project 2010-13: Relay Loadability Order

A draft PRC-023 Attachment B has been posted for a 20-day informal comment period through **8 p.m. Eastern on October 12, 2010.**

PRC-023 – Attachment B provides a set of criteria for the Planning Coordinator to use in determining which of the facilities (transmission lines operated below 200 kV and transformers with low voltage terminals connected below 200 kV) in its Planning Coordinator Area are critical to the reliability of the bulk electric system to identify the facilities below 200 kV that must meet specific relay loadability criteria. The criteria proposed in Attachment B were under field test and not available to the drafting team when the team prepared the other modifications to PRC-023-1 that were posted through September 19, 2010.

The Standards Committee authorized an abbreviated comment period for this posting to assist the team in meeting its project schedule. Order 733 directed that the initial set of specific changes to PRC-023-1, including the criteria addressed in Attachment B, be filed with the Commission by March 18, 2011.

Informal 20-day Comment Period Open through October 12, 2010

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:

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Transition from Reliability Standards Development Procedure Version 7 to Standard Processes Manual

In accordance with the Standard Processes Manual approved by FERC on September 3, 2010, the drafting team is using an “informal” comment period to solicit stakeholder feedback. The new standard development process allows drafting teams to use informal comment periods. Unlike formal comment periods where a drafting team provides a response to each comment submitted, with informal comment periods the drafting team provides a summary response to each question asked on its comment form, but the team is not obligated to provide an individual response to each comment submitted. The summary response will indicate whether stakeholders support the proposal and will identify any additional changes made based on stakeholder comments. With informal comment periods drafting teams are not required to provide an individual response to each comment submitted. This change to the process is intended to give drafting teams more time to deliberate on technical issues, as opposed to deliberating on individual responses to comments. Note that while informal comment periods are allowed in the new standard process for preliminary drafts of proposed standards, formal comment

periods are still required for the final draft of each standard.

Next Steps

The drafting team will post its response to comments received during this period. The drafting team will use specific feedback from this informal posting to develop a final draft of Attachment B for inclusion in the next posting of PRC-023-2.

Project Background

When FERC issued Order 733, approving PRC-023-1 — Transmission Relay Loadability, it directed several changes to that standard and also directed development of one or more new standards within specified time periods. NERC filed for clarification and rehearing asking for clarity and an extension of time to address the directives, however without a response to the requests for clarification and rehearing, NERC must adhere to the deadlines established in Order 733.

The SAR for Project 2010-13 – Relay Loadability Order subdivides the standard development related directives into three phases. Phase I addresses the specific directives from Order 733 that identified required modifications to various elements within PRC-023-1. Phase II addresses directives associated with development of a new standard to address generator relay loadability. Phase III addresses directives associated with writing requirements to address protective relay operations due to power swings.

Applicability of Proposed PRC-023-2

Distribution Providers that own specific facilities (see standard for details)

Generator Owners that own specific facilities (see standard for details)

Planning Coordinators

Transmission Owners that own specific facilities (see standard for details)

Standards 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.

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