

Bulk Electric System Definition Transition Period Closure Process

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Section 501.1.3.5 of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Rules of Procedure (ROP) states:

'Each Registered Entity identified on the NCR shall notify its corresponding Regional Entity(s) of any corrections, revisions, deletions, changes in ownership, corporate structure, or similar matters that affect the Registered Entity's responsibilities with respect to the Reliability Standards.'

During the two year transition period to the revised definition of Bulk Electric System (BES), Self-Determined Notices (SDNs) were submitted through the NERC BES Notification and Exceptions Tool (BESnet). The SDN submittal was the means for entities to indicate changes to the classification of elements (per Section 501.1.3.5 of the ROP), which were a direct result of the new NERC BES Definition. Other Entity notifications, as defined in Section 501.1.3.5 of the NERC ROP, to the Regional Entities have continued to be reported under pre-existing Regional Entity procedures, rather than through BESnet.

After July 1, 2016, responsible entities¹ should submit inquiries concerning BES element status by using the existing procedures used to notify Regional Entities of other changes in status. After July 1, 2016, applications for SDNs will no longer be accepted in BESnet. The BES Exception Request Process to evaluate potential inclusions or exclusions outside the definition's thresholds will continue in accordance with the Appendix 5C of the NERC ROP, and be processed through the BESnet application.

Please contact your Regional Entity (see contact list below) with any questions.

Regional BES Contact Information	
FRCC	Send email to bes@frcc.com
MRO	Send email to besnet@Midwestreliability.org
NPCC	Send email to bes@npcc.org
RF	Online at https://www.rfirst.org/Pages/ContactUs.aspx
SERC	Send email to serccomply@serc1.org
SPP	Send email to sppregistration@spp.org
TRE	Send email to registration@texasre.org
WECC	Send email to support@wecc.biz

Regards,



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¹ Responsible entities refers to entities that are subject to registration as, or are registered as, users, owners or operators of the Bulk Power System (BPS).