NERC Standards Balloting and Commenting System (SBS)

The Standards balloting software system has been improved to provide seamless user interface for balloting and submitting comments on Standards.

New Features and Enhancements

Registration
- Users will have the ability to update account information (e.g., email address and reset password).

Join Ballot Pool
- ‘Join Ballot Pool’ periods will close at 8 p.m. Eastern to coincide with balloting times.

Balloting
- Registered Ballot Body members can designate proxies until the close of a ballot voting window.
- ‘My Ballot Activity’ section provides a single page view for voters to join ballot pools, cast a vote, designate a proxy or withdraw from ballot pools.
- ‘My Proxy Activity’ section provides a single page view for proxies to cast a vote or withdraw proxy voting rights.
- Voters and proxies will be able to view two years of their voting history.
- ‘Replace Voter’ feature allows a voter representing a segment to exit the Registered Ballot Body and be replaced by a new voter who can assume voting activities in ballot pools.

Commenting
- Upload supporting documents (e.g., graphics, Word files) with comments.
- Create and manage groups (lists of individuals who contribute to a shared set of comments).
- Format text during commenting using basic text editor (allowing bullets, bolding, indenting, etc.).
- ‘Social Survey’ allows users to view comments made by other entities real-time and provide feedback via the thumbs up or down feature.

All previous balloting and commenting functionality has either been carried over to the new balloting system or has been enhanced.