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Standards Balloting and Commenting System (SBS)

Description of Enhancements
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Overview

- Enhancements to the SBS are currently being tested and are scheduled to be deployed late February 2017.
- This presentation provides a description of the upcoming enhancements.
- A training webinar will be held prior to deployment. Once a date is solidified, the webinar will be posted to the NERC calendar and an announcement will be distributed to the industry.

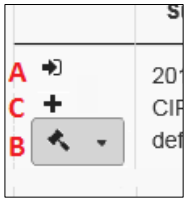
Upcoming Enhancements

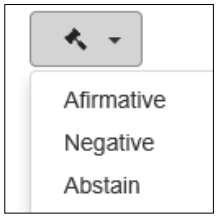
- Ability for users to vote, delegate/revoke proxy rights, and join ballots/ballot pools from the "View Ballot Events" page
- All current references to the term "Survey" will be replaced with the term "Comment Form"
- Ability for users to proceed directly to the "Real-time Comments" page ("Social Survey") without first having to provide a response
- Ability for users to select members from the Registered Ballot Body (RBB) when creating groups
- Users will no longer be prompted to confirm negative votes (opinions) for non-binding Poll ballot types
- The system will save users' selected sorting/filter view on all pages instead of reverting back to a default view

“View Ballot Events” Page

- Voters will have the ability to perform the the following functions directly from the “View Ballot Events” page:
  - Join/withdraw from ballot pools
  - Delegate/revoke proxies
  - Vote for ballots
- New icon/function buttons will be added to the page (screenshots below)
- The “My Voting Activity” page will be removed

A and D – Join and withdraw from ballot pool
B – Vote
C and E – Delegate and revoke proxy rights





Change of the Term "Survey" to "Comment Form"

- Currently, the system refers to comment forms as "Surveys". The terms "Survey"/"Take Survey" will be replaced with the more familiar terms "Comment Forms"/"Submit Comments" for consistency between Standards' communications/postings and the SBS.

"Real-time Comments" Page

- Currently, users who try to access the "Real-time Comments" page ("Social Survey") without first submitting comments receive the following message:

- Voters, proxies, and contributors will have the ability to provide a thumbs-up (like), thumbs-down (dislike) to another submitters' comments without having to provide a response themselves

RBB Members and Creating Groups

- A filter box will be added to the “Create a Group” page so that voters, proxies, and contributors can select members of the current RBB when creating groups
- The ability to manually enter/edit group members will remain

Negative Vote Confirmation for Non-binding Poll Ballot Types

- Negative votes/opinions for non-binding polls do not require an associated comment. Therefore, the verification pop-up will be eliminated. Voters and proxies will not be prompted to comment or declare support for a third-party comment.

Sort and Filter

- When users navigate away from a page and then return, the system will retain any selected filtered and/or sorted results. Once users log out, the sort/filter selection will revert to the default state.

Standards Information Links

- SBS Quick Reference Guide
- NERC's Balloting and Commenting page
- Administrative Support: ballotadmin@nerc.net
- NERC IT Support: https://support.nerc.net/
- Standard Processes Manual
- Appendix 3D – RBB Criteria
- SBS Training
- Frequently Asked Questions