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Definition of Bulk Electric System

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# Background Information

This posting is soliciting informal comment.

On November 18, 2010 FERC issued Order 743 and directed NERC to revise the definition of Bulk Electric System (BES) so that the definition encompasses all Elements and Facilities necessary for the reliable operation and planning of the interconnected Bulk Electric System. Phase I of Project 2010-17 DBES reached a significant milestone on January 25, 2012 with the official filing of the revised definition with FERC.

During the course of Project 2010-17 DBES, several commenters requested the Standard Drafting Team (SDT) to create a guidance document explaining how the revised definition will be applied. The SDT has not had the opportunity to develop such a document until now due to the deadlines imposed by FERC to deliver the revised Bulk Electric System definition. The posted document is intended to provide such guidance.

The purpose of this document is to assist the industry with the application of the revised definition that FERC proposed to approve in its June 22, 2012 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR). If FERC does not approve this definition, the guidance document will be revised accordingly. Examples are provided where appropriate, but should not be considered as all-inclusive. The document is intended to provide clarification and explanations for the application of the revised definition in a consistent, continent-wide basis for the majority of BES Elements.

These examples reflect the professional opinion of the DBES SDT and are provided in good faith for illustrative purposes only. This guidance document is not an official position of NERC and will not be binding on enforcement decisions of the NERC Compliance Program.

You do not have to answer all questions. Enter comments in simple text format. Bullets, numbers, and special formatting will not be retained.

Q1. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and diagrams for Inclusion I1? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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Q2. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and diagrams for Inclusion I2? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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Q3. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and diagrams for Inclusion I4? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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Q4. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and diagrams for Inclusion I5? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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Q5. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and diagrams for Exclusion E1? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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Q6. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and diagrams for Exclusion E2? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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Q7. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and diagrams for Exclusion E3? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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Q8. Do you have any questions or comments on the text and system diagrams for the hierarchical application of the definition? If so, please be as specific as possible and cite figure numbers where appropriate.

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