NERC
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION

Standards Balloting and Commenting System (SBS) Enhancement Feature Overview and Training

Wendy Muller, Specialist, Standards Development
February 14, 2017

RELIABILITY | ACCOUNTABILITY

NERC
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION

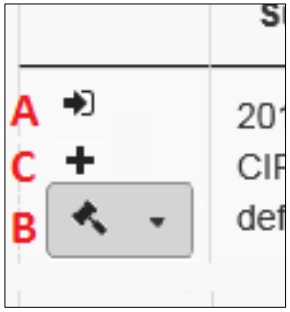
2017 Enhancement Features

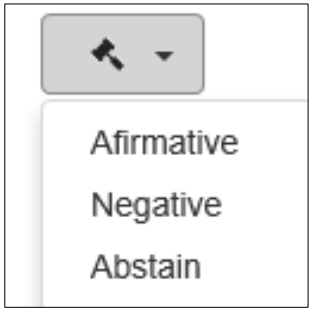
- Ability for users to vote, delegate/revoke proxy rights, and join ballots/ballot pools from the "Ballot Events" page
- All references to the term "Survey" will be replaced with the term "Comment Form"
- Ability for users to proceed directly to the "Real-time Comments" page (formerly "Social Survey") 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 opinions for Non-binding Polls
- The system will save users' selected sort and/or filter view on all pages instead of reverting back to a default view

“Ballot Events” Page

- The “My Voting Activity” page will be removed and the voting-related functions listed below will be carried out on the “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)

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"

- Terms such as "Surveys" and "Take Survey" will be replaced with the terms "Comment Form" and "Submit Comments" for consistency between Standards' communications/postings and the SBS

"Real-time Comments" Page

- The current term/page, "Social Survey" has been renamed "Real-time Comments". Today, users who try to access this page without first submitting comments receive the following error message:

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

RBB Members and Creating Groups

- When submitting a comment, users will have the ability to select current RBB members when creating groups
- The ability to manually enter/edit group members will remain

Negative Opinions and Confirmations for Non-binding Polls

- For non-binding poll ballot types, voters and proxies will not be prompted to comment or declare support for a third-party comment if a negative opinion is cast

Sort and Filter

- Any filtered and/or sorted results will be retained when navigating between SBS pages
- Once a user logs out of the SBS, the filtered and/or sorted selection will revert to a default state

Standards Information Links

- NERC's Balloting and Commenting page
- SBS Quick Reference Guide
- SBS Tutorial
- 2017 SBS Enhancement Presentation slides
- Administrative Support: ballotadmin@nerc.net
- NERC IT Support: https://support.nerc.net/
- Standard Processes Manual
- Appendix 3D – RBB Criteria

2017 Enhancement Features Recap

- All vote-related functions located on the “Ballot Events” page
- The term “Survey” replaced with the term “Comment Form”
- Proceed directly to the “Real-time Comments” page without submitting a comment
- Select members from the Registered Ballot Body (RBB) when creating groups
- No confirmation necessary for negative opinions for Non-binding Polls
- Sort and/or filter view on all pages will be retained

Deployment Schedule

- Enhancements to the SBS are scheduled to be deployed the evening of February 20, 2017
- Enhancements will be live the morning of February 21, 2017

Questions and Answers