

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System Phase 2 | Draft 1

Ballot now open through 8 p.m. Eastern July 12, 2013

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A ballot for Phase 2 of the Definition of Bulk Electric System (DBES) is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, July 12, 2013.**

Special note concerning Phase 1 DBES implementation and relationship to Phase 2: Although NERC was prepared to implement the Phase 1 definition on July 1, 2013 as planned, on May 23, 2013 NERC filed a [Motion For an Extension Of Time](#), asking FERC to grant an extension of the effective date of the Phase 1 definition of Bulk Electric System, from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014, in order to alleviate regulatory uncertainty. On June 13, 2013, FERC issued an [order](#) granting the requested extension. In the order, FERC provided the following information:

...the Commission expects NERC to file the changes to comply with the Order Nos. 773 and 773-A directives in sufficient time to allow the Commission to process NERC's proposal in response to the directives well in advance of the July 1, 2014 effective date. Therefore, NERC should submit a filing that includes proposed modifications to comply with the directives pertaining to exclusions E1 and E3 as soon as possible prior to December 31, 2013. Any delay in the submission of a filing that addresses the responsive modifications could impede the Commission's ability to act on the directives prior to July 1, 2014. The Commission does not anticipate granting any further extensions of the effective date beyond July 1, 2014.

Background information for this project can be found on the [project page](#).

Instructions

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the definition by clicking [here](#).

Next Steps

The ballot results will be announced and posted on the project page. The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period and, if needed, make revisions to the definition. If the comments do not show the need for significant revisions, the definition will proceed to a final ballot.

Standards Development Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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