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Standards Announcement

Technical Principles for Demonstrating BES Exceptions

Appendix 5C - BES Component Exception Process

Two Comment Periods Open May 11-June 10, 2011

Webinar Scheduled on Thursday, May 19, 2011

Now available at: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-17_BES.html and
http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Rules_of_Procedure-BES.html

On April 28, the BES Definition Drafting Team (DBES SDT) posted a revised draft BES definition for comment through May 27, 2011. This announcement identifies two additional documents related to the BES Definition that are also being posted for comment.

Two 30-day Comment Periods Open through 8 p.m. on June 10, 2011

To allow for comment in concert with the proposed definition of the Bulk Electric System under NERC Standards Project 2010-17, NERC is requesting comments on a proposed revision to the NERC Rules of Procedure to add *Appendix 5C Bulk Electric System Component Exception Procedure*. The proposed Appendix 5C is being posted for a 30-day comment period through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, June 10, 2011**.

In addition, a proposed approach to developing evidence to support an application for a BES Exception, *Technical Principles for Demonstrating BES Exceptions*, has been posted for a 30-day comment period until **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, June 10, 2011**.

A webinar has been scheduled for Thursday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern to review all three documents associated with the BES Definition project. A separate announcement will be sent with registration instructions for this webinar.

Instructions for Submitting Comments on the Proposed Technical Principles for Demonstrating BES Exceptions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-17_BES.html

Instructions for Submitting Comments on the Proposed Rules of Procedure Modifications to Incorporate a Process for Requesting BES Exceptions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Elizabeth Heenan at Elizabeth.heenan@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Rules_of_Procedure-BES.html

Next Steps

The DBES SDT will consider all comments received on the Technical Principles for Demonstrating BES Exceptions and make revisions to the document to incorporate stakeholder input. The team will post its response to comments prior to the next posting.

The BES ROP team will consider comments on the proposed changes to NERC's Rules of Procedure and make revisions if appropriate. An additional 45 day comment period on Appendix 5C is contemplated in August as Project 2010-17 is prepared for balloting.

Project Background

On November 18, 2010 FERC issued [Order 743](#) and directed NERC to revise the definition of Bulk Electric System so that the definition encompasses all Elements and Facilities necessary for the reliable operation and planning of the interconnected bulk power system. Additional specificity will reduce ambiguity and establish consistency across all Regions in distinguishing between BES and non-BES Elements and Facilities.

In addition, NERC was directed to develop a process for identifying any Elements or Facilities that should be excluded from the BES. NERC is working to address these directives with two drafting teams – the definition of Bulk Electric System (BES) is being revised through the standard development process and a BES Definition Exception Process is being developed as a proposed modification to the Rules of Procedure. The proposed approach to developing evidence to support an application for a BES Exception, *Technical Principles for Demonstrating BES Exceptions*, was drafted by the BES Definition SDT with assistance from the BES Rules of Procedure team.

The work of the BES Definition team is posted at: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-17_BES.html

The work of the BES Rules of Procedure Definition Exception Process has been publicly posted at: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Rules_of_Procedure-BES.html.

Standards 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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