

UPDATED Standards Announcement

2018 Bulk Electric System Definition Reference Document

Informal Comment Period Open through September 10, 2018

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A 30-day informal comment period for the **2018 Bulk Electric System Definition Reference Document** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, September 10, 2018**. The documents are being reposted due to identified typographical errors. The comment period has been extended to provide stakeholders adequate time to review the updated documents.

Background

During the course of [Project 2010-17 Definition of Bulk Electric System](#), the standard drafting team created the Bulk Electric System (BES) Definition Reference Document explaining how the revised BES definition should be applied. This document has been updated by the Bulk Electric System Exception Process Working Group (BEPWG) to reflect experiences from initial implementation of the BES definition.

Project Scope

The BES Definition Reference Document is intended to assist the industry with the application of the BES definition. Examples are provided where appropriate but should not be considered all-inclusive. The document is intended to provide clarification and explanations for the application of the BES definition in a consistent, continent-wide basis for the majority of BES Elements.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. If you experience issues using the SBS, contact [Wendy Muller](#). An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

- *If you are having difficulty accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out, contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern).*
- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS is **not** supported for use on mobile devices.*
- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day**.*

Next Steps

The BEPWG will review all comments submitted and incorporate, as appropriate, proposed revisions to the reference document.

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