

## Standards Announcement

### Project 2012-08.1 Phase 1 of Glossary Updates: Statutory Definitions

**Formal Comment Period Open: February 21, 2013 – March 22, 2013**

Upcoming

Successive Ballot: March 13, 2013 – March 22, 2013

#### [Now Available](#)

A 30-day formal comment period for **Phase 1 of the Glossary Updates for Statutory Definitions** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 22, 2013**.

A successive ballot for **Phase 1 of the Glossary Updates for Statutory Definitions** will be conducted beginning on **Wednesday, March 13, 2013 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 22, 2013**.

#### **Instructions for Commenting**

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 22, 2013**. Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Wendy Muller at [wendy.muller@nerc.net](mailto:wendy.muller@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Before the ballot begins, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using the “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list server.) The ballot pool list server for the ballot pool is: [bp-2012-08.1\\_GlossarySB\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2012-08.1_GlossarySB_in@nerc.com).

#### **Next Steps**

A successive ballot of Phase 1 of the Glossary Updates for Statutory Definitions will be conducted beginning on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 22, 2013.

#### **Background**

This posting is in response to an initial ballot and formal comment period. This posting is soliciting a response to definitions that now match the statutory language verbatim. In paragraph 1894 of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 693, the Commission directed the Electric Reliability Organization to include the statutory definitions of the Bulk Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation in the NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards:

“1894. The Commission directs the ERO to modify the glossary through the Reliability Standards development process to include the statutory definitions of the terms Bulk-Power System, Reliable Operation and Reliability Standard. However, this determination does not negate our discussion in the Applicability section of the Final Rule. While the glossary should be revised to include the statutory definition of Bulk-Power System, the Reliability Standards refer to the bulk electric system, which is also defined in the glossary.”

Inclusion of the statutory definitions for Bulk- Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation in the NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards will address these outstanding Commission directives. The proposed definitions for Bulk-Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation are identical to the definitions found in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act.

### **Standards Development Process**

The [Standards 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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