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

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Background Information

This posting is in response to an initial ballot and formal comment period. This posting is soliciting response to definitions that now match the statutory language verbatim. In Paragraph 1894 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 693, the Commission directed the Electric Reliability Organization to include the statutory definitions of 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 three 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.

The following definitions are proposed to be added to the NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards in order to comply with the FERC directives in Paragraph 1894 of Order 693:

* **“Bulk-Power System”** means, A) facilities and control systems necessary for operating an interconnected electric energy transmission network (or any portion thereof); and (B) electric energy from generation facilities needed to maintain transmission system reliability. The term does not include facilities used in the local distribution of electric energy.
* **“Reliability Standard”** means a requirement, approved by the Commission under this section, to provide for reliable operation of the bulk-power system. The term includes requirements for the operation of existing bulk-power system facilities, including cybersecurity protection, and the design of planned additions or modifications to such facilities to the extent necessary to provide for reliable operation of the bulk-power system, but the term does not include any requirement to enlarge such facilities or to construct new transmission capacity or generation capacity.
* **“Reliable Operation”** means operating the elements of the bulk-power system within equipment and electric system thermal, voltage, and stability limits so that instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading failures of such system will not occur as a result of a sudden disturbance, including a cybersecurity incident, or unanticipated failure of system elements.

As the proposed definitions for Bulk-Power System, Reliable Operation, and Reliability Standard are the statutory definitions for these terms contained in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act. NERC is proposing to make no modifications to the statutory definitions. The outstanding FERC directive requires...“the ERO to modify the glossary through the Reliability Standards development process.”

On May 10, 2012, the Standards Committee (SC) authorized posting the Standard Authorization Request (SAR) for adding the statutory definitions of Bulk-Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation to the NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards for a 45-day formal comment period and initial ballot with the ballot open during the final 10 days of that comment period. The current posting details new proposed definitions that are in response to industry comments from that initial comment period and ballot, which occurred from June 19, 2012 through August 2, 2012.

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**Do you have any comments regarding the inclusion of the statutory definitions for Bulk-Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation in the NERC Glossary of Terms?**

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