Unofficial Comment Form

Project 2010-05.2 Phase 2 of Protection Systems
Revised Definition of Special Protection System

Please **DO NOT** use this form for submitting comments. Please use the [electronic form](https://www.nerc.net/nercsurvey/Survey.aspx?s=0a95af85421643dea68282ad0e14f705) to submit comments on the revised definition of Special Protection System. The electronic comment form must be completed by **8 p.m. Eastern, on Wednesday, April 9, 2014.**

If you have questions please contact Al McMeekin via email or by telephone at (803) 530-1963.

The project page may be accessed by clicking [here](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2010-05_2%E2%80%93Special-Protection-Systems.aspx).

## Background Information

The existing NERC Glossary of Terms definition for a Special Protection System (SPS) or Remedial Action Scheme (RAS), as used in the Western Interconnection, lacks the clarity and specificity necessary for consistent identification and classification of protection schemes as SPS or RAS across the eight NERC Regions. This leads to inconsistent application of the SPS-related Reliability Standards. At the request of the NERC Standards Committee, the Planning Committee directed the System Protection and Control Subcommittee (SPCS) to research this issue. The SPCS along with the System Analysis and Modeling Subcommittee (SAMS) authored the technical [report](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Prjct201005_2SpclPrtctnSstmPhs2/System_Protection_and_Control_Subcommittee_SPCS_20_SAMS-SPCS_SPS_Technic_02182014.pdf) posted in full on this project’s web page. An excerpt of that report containing the rationale for the draft definition of an SPS is also provided for this informal comment posting.

The drafting team will use the draft definition developed by SPCS and SAMS as a starting point for developing a revision to the term, Special Protection System (SPS), found in the Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards. The revised term will form the basis for revising the existing SPS-related standards. Your comments on the draft definition are much appreciated and will aid the drafting team in developing a quality definition of SPS for stakeholder consideration and ballot.

**Questions**

You do not have to answer all questions. Enter comments in simple text format. Bullets, numbers, and special formatting will not be retained.

1. Does the proposed definition properly identify the types of protection schemes that should be subject to the SPS-related standards? If not, please explain your concerns and how you would address them.

[ ]  Yes

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Comments:

1. Do you agree with categorizing SPSs into the four proposed types? If not, please explain your concerns and how you would address them.

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Comments:

1. If you have any other comments on this definition that you haven’t already mentioned, please provide them here:

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