

Standards Announcement

Project 2010-07 Generator Requirements at the Transmission Interface
Ballot Pool Forming October 5 – November 4, 2011

Formal Comment Period October 5 – November 18, 2011

Initial Ballot Windows Open November 9 – 18, 2011

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The SDT has reviewed comments received during a 30-day formal comment period that took place earlier this year, from June 17-July 17, 2011, and thanks to all those who provided feedback during that comment period. The SDT has incorporated many of the suggested changes into its latest proposed standards, as explained in the posted Consideration of Comments.

This is the second formal comment period and initial ballot period for three standards included in Project 2010-07. Revised drafts of FAC-001-1 and two versions of FAC-003 – FAC-003-3 and FAC-003-X – along with minor modifications to PRC-004-2.1, have been posted for a formal comment period and initial ballot that will end on Friday, November 18, 2011. Note that FAC-003-X shows changes to the last approved version of the standard, while FAC-003-3 shows changes to the last version being developed by the Project 2007-07 drafting team to incorporate Requirements for Generator Owners in those standards.

PRC-004-2.1 is being posted for the first time with this posting, and is also being posted for a formal 45-day comment period with an initial ballot. Because the changes are very limited, the Standards Committee waived the initial formal comment period for this standard.

Instructions for Joining the Ballot Pool for Project 2010-07

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballots at the following page: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot windows, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) One ballot pool list server has been set up and can be used for communication on each of the standards being balloted for this project. The list server is: bp-2010-07_FAC-001-1_in@nerc.com

Instructions for Commenting

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](#).

Next Steps

Separate ballots will be conducted for each standard. These ballot windows will begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 and end at 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, November 18, 2011. NOTE: There is only one ballot pool to join for this project. There will be four separate ballots, one for each standard, and individuals who join this single ballot pool will be eligible to vote in all four ballots. This was done to make the process simpler for those who are voting. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

Background

The purpose of Project 2010-07 is to ensure that all generator-owned Facilities are appropriately covered under NERC's Reliability Standards. While many Generator Owners and Generator Operators operate Facilities, commonly known as generator interconnection Facilities, that are considered by some entities to be transmission, these are most often radial Facilities that are not part of the integrated grid. As such, they should not be subject to the same standards applicable to Transmission Owners and Transmission Operators who own and operate Transmission Elements and Facilities that are part of the integrated grid.

As part of the BES, generators so affect the overall reliability of the BES. But registering a Generator Owner or Generator Operator as a Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator, as has been the solution in some cases in the past, may decrease reliability by diverting the Generator Owner's or Generator Operator's resources from the operation of the equipment that actually produces electricity – the generation equipment itself.

The drafting team's goal is to ensure that an adequate level of reliability is maintained in the BES by clearly describing which standards need to be applied to generator interconnection Facilities that are not already applicable to Generator Owners or Generator Operators. This can be accomplished by properly applying FAC-001, FAC-003, and PRC-004 to Generator Owners as proposed in the redline standards posted for comment.

Before reviewing the standards, the drafting team encourages all stakeholders to read the [technical justification resource document](#) it has provided to describe its rationale and its work thus far.

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

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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