

Standards Announcement

Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance and Testing
Formal Comment Period Open February 28 – March 28, 2012
Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll: March 19 – 28, 2012

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The Protection System Maintenance and Testing drafting team (PSMSDT) has posted its consideration of comments from the formal comment period and initial ballot of PRC-005-2 Protection System Maintenance that ended on September 29, 2011, along with a revised draft of the standard, Supplemental Reference and FAQ, and associated implementation plan for a parallel formal comment period and successive ballot, with a non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs, are open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.**

Documents for this project, including the SAR, clean and redline versions of PRC-005-2, the associated Implementation Plan, and Supplemental Reference and FAQ along with an unofficial copy of the comment form are posted on the [project's web page](#). Note that PRC-005-2 reflects the merging of the following standards into a single standard, making it impractical to post a redline of proposed PRC-005-2 that shows the changes to the last approved version of the standard.

- PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing
- PRC-008-0 — Underfrequency Load Shedding Equipment Maintenance Program
- PRC-011-0 — UVLS System Maintenance and Testing
- PRC-017-0 — Special Protection System Maintenance and Testing

The last approved versions of PRC-005-1, PRC-008-0, PRC-011-0, and PRC-017-0 have been posted on the [project's web page](#) for easy reference.

Instructions for Submitting Comments

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.**

Please use this [electronic comment form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

Next Steps

A successive ballot of PRC-005-2 and the associated implementation plan, and a non-binding poll of VRFs and VSLs will begin on March 19, 2012 and will end on March 28, 2012 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Project Background

The proposed PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 693, as well as issues identified by stakeholders. In accordance with the FERC directives, this draft standard establishes requirements for a time-based maintenance program, where all relevant devices are maintained according to prescribed maximum intervals. It further establishes requirements for a condition-based maintenance program, where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the known and reported condition of the relevant devices. For a performance-based maintenance program, it ascertains where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the historical performance of the relevant devices.

Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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