

## Standards Announcement

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

Initial Ballot Open through 8 p.m. Thursday, August 2, 2012

#### [Now Available](#)

An initial ballot for **Phase 1 of the Glossary Updates for Statutory Definitions** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 2, 2012.**

#### **Instructions**

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for inclusion of three statutory definitions, for *Bulk Power System*, *Reliability Standard*, and *Reliable Operation* in the NERC Glossary of Terms by clicking [here](#).

Members of the ballot pool and other stakeholders may submit their comments via the [electronic comment form](#).

#### **Next Steps**

The Standards Committee approved posting of these definitions for a parallel 45-day comment period and initial ballot in order to address three outstanding directives from Order 693. The NERC Standard Processes Manual calls for definitions that are added to the NERC Glossary to be balloted in the same manner as reliability standards. Because the proposed definitions for Bulk Power System, Reliable Operation, and Reliability Standard are the statutory definitions for these terms contained in the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, the Standards Committee determined that it was not necessary to form a drafting team and has asked NERC staff to respond to comments from the formal comment period and initial ballot, and post the definitions for a recirculation ballot.

#### **Background**

In paragraph 1894 of 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 these 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.

Additional information can be found on the [project page](#).

### **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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