

Standard Development Timeline

This section is maintained by the drafting team during the development of the standard and will be removed when the standard becomes effective.

Development Steps Completed

1. The Standards Committee (SC) authorized NERC posting a 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, with an initial ballot during the final 10 days of that comment period. Standards Committee authorization occurred during the May 10, 2012 SC meeting.

Description of Current Draft

This is the initial posting and ballot for adding the statutory definitions (without modification) 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, with an initial ballot during the final 10 days of that comment period.

Anticipated Actions	Anticipated Date
45-day Formal Comment Period with Parallel Initial Ballot	June 2012
Recirculation ballot	September 2012
BOT adoption	November 2012

Effective Dates

The definitions of Bulk Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation shall be added to the NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards effective upon applicable regulatory approval.

Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
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2012-08.1 Phase 1 of Glossary Updates: Statutory Definitions

1	TBD	Addition of the definitions of Bulk Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation to the NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards.	N/A

Definitions of Terms Used in Standard

This section includes all newly defined or revised terms used in the proposed standard. Terms already defined in the Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms are not repeated here. New or revised definitions listed below become approved when the proposed standard is approved. When the standard becomes effective, these defined terms will be removed from the individual standard and added to the Glossary.

“Bulk Power System” means, depending on the context: (i) Facilities and control systems necessary for operating an interconnected electric energy supply and transmission network (or any portion thereof), and (ii) electric energy from generating facilities needed to maintain transmission system reliability. The term does not include facilities used in the local distribution of electric energy.

NOTE: The highlighted ‘(ii)’ was inadvertently omitted in the original posted document, but is part of the statutory definition of Bulk Power System included in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

“Reliability Standard” means a requirement to provide for Reliable Operation of the Bulk Power System, including without limiting the foregoing, requirements for the operation of existing Bulk Power System Facilities, including cyber security protection, and including the design of planned additions or modifications to such Facilities to the extent necessary for Reliable Operation of the Bulk Power System, but the term does not include any requirement to enlarge Bulk Power System Facilities or to construct new transmission capacity or generation capacity. A Reliability Standard shall not be effective in the United States until approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and shall not be effective in other jurisdictions until made or allowed to become effective by the Applicable Governmental Authority.

“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 Cyber Security Incident, or unanticipated failure of system Elements.