

**Stationary Battery Committee** 

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Dear Mr. McMeekin,

As chair of the IEEE Stationary Battery Committee, I was approached by several committee members concerning the battery testing and maintenance recommendations in the proposed NERC Document PRC-005-2. There was a consensus in the committee that the aforementioned recommendations did not reflect the best practices in the industry.

In the January Stationary Battery Committee meeting, a task force was formed and approved to review the NERC proposed recommendations. The report from this task force is attached to this letter.

Please note that this task force included some of the committee's most knowledgeable members, including present and past committee chairs, working group chairs, battery and ohmic measurement equipment manufacturers, and an EPRI battery expert who was a principal on the EPRI study regarding ohmic measurements and capacity, as well as many long-time contributors to our standards. The report represents the unanimous agreement of the Task Force.

We trust that this communication will receive the important consideration by you and the NERC SDT that we feel it deserves. We plan to have a few representatives attend your upcoming meeting in Ft. Worth in April. Please feel free to contact me in the meantime if I can provide any additional insight or assistance.

Sincerely,

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