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. On May 10, 2012, 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 for a 45-day comment period. The SAR was the actual document posted for the formal comment and initial ballot period.
2. Phase 1 Glossary Updates were posted for a 45-day formal comment period and initial ballot from June 19, 2012 through August 2, 2012. Stakeholders were asked to provide feedback on the Glossary Updates and associated documents through an electronic comment form. There were 60 sets of comments, including comments from approximately 159 different people from approximately 104 companies representing 9 of the 10 Industry Segments as shown in the table on the following pages.
3. The initial ballot was conducted during the final 10 days of the formal comment period, from July 24, 2012 to August 2, 2012. The initial ballot was unsuccessful. A quorum was reached at 83.11% participation from the 373 registered entities in the ballot pool. The weighted segment vote for the definitions was only 54.16%. Based on the comments received, the proposed definitions were amended to match the statutory language found in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act.

Description of Current Draft

This is the second posting and ballot for adding the statutory definitions of Bulk Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation to the NERC Glossary of Terms. The statutory definitions will be posted for a 30-day formal comment period, with a successive ballot during the final 10 days of that comment period.

Anticipated Actions	Anticipated Date
30-day Formal Comment Period with Parallel Successive Ballot	February-March 2013
Recirculation Ballot	April 2013
BOT adoption	May 2013

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
N/A	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, A) facilities and control systems necessary for operating an interconnected electric energy transmission network (or any portion thereof); and (B) electric energy from generation facilities needed to maintain transmission system reliability. The term does not include facilities used in the local distribution of electric energy.

"Reliability Standard" means a requirement, approved by the Commission under this section, to provide for reliable operation of the bulk-power system. The term includes requirements for the operation of existing bulk-power system facilities, including cybersecurity protection, and the design of planned additions or modifications to such facilities to the extent necessary to provide for reliable operation of the bulk-power system, but the term does not include any requirement to enlarge such facilities or to construct new transmission capacity or generation capacity.

"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 cybersecurity incident, or unanticipated failure of system elements.