

## Standards Announcement

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

Ballot Pools Forming:	June 19 – July 18, 2012
Formal Comment Period Open:	June 19 – August 2, 2012

Upcoming Ballots Initial Ballot:	July 24 – August 2, 2012
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A formal comment period for **Phase 1 of the Glossary Updates for Statutory Definitions** is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 2, 2012 and a ballot pool is forming through 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

#### **Instructions for Joining Ballot Pool(s)**

A ballot pool is being formed. Registered Ballot Body members must join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in balloting of Phase 1 of the Glossary Updates for Statutory Definitions. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool at the following page: [Join ballot pool](#)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pools may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list servers.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The ballot pool list server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2012-08.1 Phase 1 in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2012-08.1_Phase_1_in@nerc.com)

The ballot pool is open **through 8 a.m. Eastern on Wednesday, July 18, 2012.**

#### **Instructions for Commenting**

A formal comment period is open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 2, 2012. Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Commenters and voters must submit comments through the electronic comment form (link shown above). Due to modifications to NERC’s balloting software, voters are asked to submit their ballot comments via the electronic comment form.

## Next Steps

An initial ballot of Phase 1 of the Glossary Updates for Statutory Definitions will be conducted beginning on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, August 2, 2012.

## 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.”

The statutory definitions for Bulk Power System, Reliability Standard, and Reliable Operation are contained in the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005. Inclusion of the statutory 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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