FERC Extends BES Implementation to July 1, 2014

On 6/13/13, FERC accepted the request from NERC to delay implementation of the revised Bulk Electric System (BES) definition until 7/1/14. The current BES definition will remain in effect until 7/1/14. Reliability Standards for BES elements that will no longer be part of the BES due to application of the new definition will continue to apply until 7/1/14. BES exception requests will not be accepted until after the Phase II definition changes that were directed by FERC Orders 773 and 773-A have completed the standards development process and are approved by FERC.

NERC had scheduled a series of webinars to train users on the electronic tool to be used for exception requests; these webinars may be postponed and cancellation notices sent.

NERC is hosting a webinar about the new definition on 6/26/13.

BES definition Phase II is open for comments through 7/12/13. The SPP Reliability Standards Department will hold a conference call at 9:00 AM CST on 6/28/13 for members and Registered Entities to discuss the proposed changes. Register for the call.

Please contact Greg Sorenson with any questions about the BES definition.

Reminder: June Webinars

June 20, 11:00 AM EST - NERC’s 2013 State of Reliability Report represents NERC’s independent view of ongoing bulk power system trends to analyze its state of reliability based on metric information and reliability indicators. The key findings and recommendations serve as technical input to NERC’s Reliability Standards project prioritization, compliance process improvement, event analysis, reliability assessment, and critical infrastructure protection. Register for the webinar.

June 27, 2:00 PM CST - SPP RE and RTO staff will review the new EOP-003 and PRC-006 standards that will become effective on 10/1/13. PRC-006 is the continent-wide UFLS standard, and EOP-003 relates to BA and TOP Load Shed Plans. Register for the webinar.
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We are happy to help you with any questions or concerns.

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