1. Comments?

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| AEP          | 1. AEP recommends that SPP establish clear communication channels rather than its current practice of sending its announcements to anonymous individuals who are somehow included as part of a ListServe. In addition, a list of registered ballot member names should be provided so it is clear exactly who has been notified of the announcement. Perhaps the ballot body registration could be done earlier?  
2. AEP is concerned by the language used in Step 3 / page 13 of redline – does this close off opportunities for potential industry involvement with experienced folks if it’s passed off to a working group?  
3. On page 15 of redline regarding the “customary communication procedures”, it is not clear exactly when the registration period begins. We suggest that the ballot registration should begin when the project announcement is made. In addition, please see the additional recommendations made earlier regarding an alternative to the current communication practices.  
4. Page 15 states “At least fifteen days prior to the start date of voting ballot, SPP RE staff will use the customary communication procedures and processes then in effect to notify interested parties and will post the notification on the public SPP website”, however it is not explicitly stated exactly when the ballot body period "ends".  
5. Does an entity have to be registered within the RE footprint to join the ballot body? It would not be fair, for example, for an entity to have multiple registrations as a generator owner outside of SPP but be able to vote multiple times on behalf of each registration. Not only would it weigh the vote inappropriately, but it would do so in a region in which the entity does not operate.  
6. Page 18 - Is abstaining the same as voting in regards to bullet two? In other words, when evaluating whether or not a segment’s vote weight should be proportionately reduced (i.e. 5 vote threshold), how are abstentions considered?  
7. Page 19 & 20 - It is not stated exactly who is responsible for creating the consensus draft and the minority report. |
| SDT Response to AEP | Thank you for your comments.  
1. On Draft 2 page 11 (clean), we added language to define “customary communication procedures and processes” to clarify how we notify people about upcoming comment/ballot periods and how people can subscribe to receive notifications. SPP’s email exploder process is similar to how NERC uses email lists to notify people of upcoming ballots. Because each |
standard has a unique ballot body (there is not a “standing” body), we cannot publish ballot body names *before* notifying people about ballot body registration.

2. We think the Draft 1 revised manual improves opportunities for involvement over the current manual. In the current manual, standard requests go straight to an existing working group. In the revised manual, MOPC will invite all interested parties to serve on an SDT. The request will only be assigned to an existing working group if the open nominations process does not result in enough SDT members. The revised manual adds openness to the process.

3. On Draft 2, page 14 (clean), we added language to clarify when ballot body registration starts: “Ballot body registration will begin the day the revised draft is posted.” This follows NERC’s process of beginning ballot body registration when the draft is posted for vote. NERC does not begin ballot body registration during the drafting/initial comment phase.

4. On Draft 2, page 14 (clean), we added language to clarify when the ballot body registration period ends: “Interested parties may register for the ballot body over a period of 15 days. The 15-day ballot body registration will be followed by a 15-day voting period.” This follows NERC’s process of holding ballot body registration for 15 days followed by voting for 15 days. NERC

5. Throughout Draft 2 we removed “with a direct and material interest in the SPP RE or SPP RTO BES” with “within the SPP RE or SPP RTO region”. We also added “within the SPP RE or SPP RTO region” to each of the voting segment qualifications. These edits clarify that entities must be within the SPP RE or SPP RTO region to request or vote on an SPP RE standard. Because individuals are allowed to vote, entities do not have to be “registered” with SPP RE. We also added language on Draft 2, page 15, “Entities registered in multiple regions will not be able to register on behalf of more than one regional registration.”

6. On Draft 2, page 17, we added language to clarify that abstentions and non-responses do not count toward the weighting.

7. On Draft 2, page 18 we added language to clarify who will write the minority report: “The minority report will be prepared by SPP RE staff or in coordination with the SDT. Staff may work in conjunction with the dissenting parties to prepare the report.”

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