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WECC Bulk Electric System Definition

Purpose:

The Bulk Electric System (BES) Definition Task Force (BESDTF) has posted the first draft of their BES proposal for comment.

Current Standard:

Although this is not a Standard, the BESDTF has agreed to follow the process for developing and approving WECC Standards. The WECC does not currently have a definition for the BES and relies on the NERC definition.

Proposed Standard:

The purpose of the BESDTF is to provide clarity as to which power system elements are deemed to be part of the BES. The BESDTF presents 2 options and 2 voltage classifications to define the BES.

Applicability:

All WECC entities.

Current Status:

A questionnaire on the BES definition was posted for comment until June 29. The AESO submitted comments, which can be seen at the link below.

WECC Link:

[Bulk Electric System](#)