Unofficial Comment Form
Project 2019-05 Modifications to PER-003-2

Do not use this form for submitting comments. Use the Standards Balloting and Commenting System (SBS) to submit comments on the Project 2019-05 Modifications to PER-003-2 Standard Authorization Request (SAR). Comments must be submitted by 8 p.m. Eastern, Friday, August 30, 2019.

Additional information is available on the project page. If you have questions, contact Senior Standards Developer, Alison Oswald (via email), or at 404-446-9668.

Background Information
On February 11, 2019 the Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC) posted a whitepaper for comment on proposed changes to the NERC System Operator Certification program. Referencing the PCGC’s “One System Operator Certification Credential” whitepaper, all System Operators would hold the same Certification credential. This better serves reliability by ensuring all System Operators, regardless of their company’s registration or credential of choice, have the same base knowledge. All System Operators will be tested to the same level of minimum knowledge and skills. This will help to eliminate knowledge silos within the System Operator community. This knowledge is demonstrated through the System Operator Certification process. The proposal is to change the current System Operator Certification from its current four credentials to one credential, “NERC Certified System Operator.” During the comment period over 40 responses were received with an overwhelming majority in support of the proposed change.

This project will revise PER-003-2 to address one credential is required, not the current four credentials. This better serves reliability by ensuring all System Operators, regardless of their company’s registration or credential of choice, have the same base knowledge.
Questions

1. Do you agree with the proposed scope as described in the SAR? If you do not agree, or if you agree but have comments or suggestions for the project scope please provide your recommendation and explanation.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments:
We suggest adding a more detailed “Project Scope” statement, such as revise Reliability Standard PER-003-2 to address a single “NERC Certified System Operator” credential and consider revising PER-005 to make a stronger tie between PER-003 and PER-005.

2. Provide any additional comments for the SAR drafting team to consider, if desired.

Comments: