**Unofficial Comment Form**

**Project 2015-07 Internal Communications Capabilities**

**DO NOT** use this form for submitting comments. Use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments on the Standard Authorization Request (SAR) by **8:00 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, July 15, 2015**.

Documents and information about this project are available on the [project page](#). If you have questions, contact Jordan Mallory or Sean Bodkin (via email) or at 404-446-9733 (Jordan) or 202-400-3022 (Sean).

**Background Information**

This posting is soliciting informal comment.

The project will address the directive from FERC Order No. 808 to modify the COM-001-2 standard or develop a new standard to address “internal communications capabilities that could involve the issuance or receipt of Operating Instructions or other communications that could have an impact on reliability.” Order No. 808, at P 1.

In Order No. 808, FERC directed “NERC to develop modifications to COM-001-2, or to develop a new standard, to address our concerns regarding ensuring the adequacy of internal communications capability whenever internal communications could directly affect the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System.” Order No. 808, at P 41. In the same paragraph, FERC clarified that this intended to include a directive that the modified or new standard would “address the adequacy of internal telecommunications (or other internal communication systems) that may have an adverse effect on reliability, even within a single functional entity, including: (1) communications between geographically separate control centers within the same functional entity; and (2) communications between a control center and field personnel.” *Id.*
Questions

The scope of this project includes:

- Internal telecommunications or other internal communication systems “between geographically separate control centers within the same functional entity.” Order No. 808, at P 41.
- Internal telecommunications or other internal communication systems “between a control center and field personnel.” 
- “[T]he adequacy of internal communications capability whenever internal communications could directly affect the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System.” 
- “[I]nternal communications capabilities that could involve the issuance or receipt of Operating Instructions or other communications that could have an impact on reliability.” Order No. 808, at P 1.

1. Do you agree that the scope and objectives of the SAR address the directive in Order No. 808? If not, please explain why you do not agree and, if possible, provide specific language revisions that would make it acceptable to you.

   ☒ Yes
   ☐ No
   Comments:

If you have any other comments on this SAR that you haven’t already mentioned above, please provide them here:

Comments: Any requirements must be sure to directly and unequivocally address internal communications capabilities that support making a Real-time Assessment of the BES.