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Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance and Testing Recirculation Ballot and Non-binding Poll Open June 20-30, 2011

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Recirculation Ballot Window Open Until 8 p.m. Eastern on June 30, 2011

A recirculation ballot window for standard PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance is open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, June 30, 2011.**

The Protection System Maintenance and Testing Standard Drafting Team has made minor, non-substantive changes to PRC-005-2 Protection System Maintenance after reviewing comments received during a formal comment period and successive ballot that ended on May 13, 2011. In addition, the team made changes to the VSLs associated with PRC-005-2 to address feedback from a quality review. Because the changes made to the standard were not substantive, the Standards Committee has authorized posting the standard and associated implementation plan for a recirculation ballot. To provide an opportunity for stakeholders to cast their opinion on the revised VSLs, a concurrent non-binding poll of the VRFs and VSLs associated with PRC-005-2 will be conducted.

Instructions for Casting a Ballot and Non-binding Opinion

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their prior votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member's last vote cast in the successive ballot that ended on May 13, 2011 will be carried over and used to determine if there are sufficient affirmative votes for this standard to pass.

Because the revisions to the VSLs were substantive, members of the ballot pool are asked to review the revised VSLs and cast a new opinion in the non-binding poll; in the non-binding poll opinions from the non-binding poll that ended on May 13, 2011 were not carried over.

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes for the ballot and opinions for the non-binding poll from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If the standard is approved by a two-thirds majority, it will be submitted for adoption by the NERC Board of Trustees prior to filing with regulatory authorities for approval.

Background

The proposed PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 693, as well as issues identified by stakeholders. In accordance with the FERC directives, this draft

standard establishes requirements for a time-based maintenance program, where all relevant devices are maintained according to prescribed maximum intervals. It further establishes requirements for a condition-based maintenance program, where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the known and reported condition of the relevant devices. For a performance-based maintenance program, it ascertains where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the historical performance of the relevant devices.

Standards Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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