

Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Results

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Project 2007-17: Protection System Maintenance and Testing

The initial ballot for standard PRC-005-2 — Protection System Maintenance and Testing and a separate initial ballot for the definition of “Protection System” ended on July 17, 2010.

Ballot Results for Standard

Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

Quorum: 91.12 %

Approval: 22.91 %

Since at least one negative ballot included a comment, these results are not final. A second (or recirculation) ballot must be conducted. Ballot criteria are listed at the end of the announcement.

Ballot Results for Definition

Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

Quorum: 87.85 %

Approval: 39.35 %

Since at least one negative ballot included a comment, these results are not final. A second (or recirculation) ballot must be conducted. Ballot criteria are listed at the end of the announcement.

Violation Risk Factor (VRF) and Violation Severity Level (VSL) Non-binding Poll Results

For the non-binding poll, 86 % of those registered to participate provided an opinion; 28 % of those who provided an opinion indicated support for the VRFs and VSLs that were proposed.

Next Steps

As part of the recirculation ballot process, the drafting team must draft and post responses to voter comments. The drafting team will also determine whether or not to make revisions to the balloted item(s). Should the team decide to make revisions, the revised item(s) will return to the initial ballot phase.

Project Background

The draft standard combines the following previous standards:

- PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing
- PRC-008-0 — Underfrequency Load Shedding Equipment Maintenance Program
- PRC-011-0 — UVLS System Maintenance and Testing
- PRC-017-0 — Special Protection System Maintenance and Testing

The proposed 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, and for a performance-based maintenance program, where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the historical performance of the relevant devices.

More information is available on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Protection_System_Maintenance_Project_2007-17.html

Standards Development Process

The [*Reliability Standards Development Procedure*](#) 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.

Ballot Criteria

Approval requires both a (1) quorum, which is established by at least 75% of the members of the ballot pool for submitting either an affirmative vote, a negative vote, or an abstention, and (2) A two-thirds majority of the weighted segment votes cast must be affirmative; the number of votes cast is the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions and nonresponses. If there are no negative votes with reasons from the first ballot, the results of the first ballot shall stand. If, however, one or more members submit negative votes with reasons, a second ballot shall be conducted.

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