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## Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Results

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### **Ballot Results for Standard Processes Manual - Revision 1**

The recirculation ballot window to vote on a proposed revision to the [Standard Processes Manual](#) closed on November 13, 2010. The ballot pool approved the *Standard Processes Manual – Revision 1*. Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

Quorum: 87.00 %

Approval: 92.88 %

### **Background:**

On September 3, 2010, FERC approved NERC's proposed Standards Processes Manual filed on June 10, 2010 subject to one modification. In the [September 3rd Order](#), FERC expressed its concern with NERC's classification of elements of a reliability standard (enforceable elements, informational elements, compliance elements) and whether these distinctions conflicted with previous direction provided in [Order No. 693](#). In Order No. 693, FERC stated that the essential element of a reliability standard is its requirement and that compliance with a standard will be determined by whether an entity complied with the requirement.

In the September 3 Order, FERC directed NERC to submit a compliance filing within 90 days (by December 1, 2010), addressing FERC's concerns with the "Elements of a Reliability Standard" section of the Standards Processes Manual. FERC noted that NERC may either revise the "Elements of a Reliability Standard" section, or may remove the designation of particular elements of a reliability standard as enforceable if these designations are determined to be unnecessary.

A revision has been made to the manual that is responsive to the September 3rd Order by rephrasing the sentence that the Commission did not agree with, and rearranging the headings and sequence of the elements that were listed as elements of a reliability standard.

Additional details are on the project page:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Standards\\_Processes\\_Manual.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Standards_Processes_Manual.html)

### **Next Steps**

The revised manual will be submitted to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval.

### **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 non-responses.

## 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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