

Standards Announcement Successive Ballot Results Project 2007-17 – Protection System Maintenance and Testing

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Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll Results for PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance

A successive ballot for the proposed standard, PRC-005-2 — Protection System Maintenance, ended on December 20, 2010. A non-binding poll of the proposed Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) also ended on December 20, 2010. Voting and poll statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results.

Ballot for Standard:

- Quorum: 79.88 %
- Approval: 44.65%

Non-binding Poll for VRFs and VSLs:

- Quorum: 78.06 %
- Supportive Opinion: 52.73%

Next Steps – Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll of VRFs and VSLs

The drafting team will consider all comments (those submitted with a comment form, and those submitted with a ballot or with the non-binding poll) and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan.

Project 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.

More information can be found on the project page:

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

Ballot Criteria

Approval requires both (1) a quorum, which is established by at least 75% of the members of the ballot pool 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.

Non-Binding Polls

Non-binding polls of VRFs and VSLs are conducted to provide the drafting team with constructive feedback on proposed VRFs and VSLs and also to provide information to assist in developing a recommendation for Board of Trustees approval.

Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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