

Standards Announcement

Recirculation Ballot Open

November 1-11, 2010

Available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance Definition

A recirculation ballot period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on November 11, 2010.**

Instructions

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

Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the ballot pool to review the consideration of comments submitted during the successive ballot window that ended October 14, 2010 and the consideration of comments submitted during the formal comment period that ended October 12, 2010.

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only. If a ballot pool member does not submit a revision to that member's original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot.
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot.
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote.

Additional Information

The Standard Processes Manual allows drafting teams to make changes following an initial or successive ballot with a goal of improving the quality of a standard (or definition), provided those changes do not alter the applicability or scope of the proposed standard (or definition). The Protection System Maintenance and Testing drafting team made the following minor edit to the implementation plan for the definition of Protection System:

- Removed PER-005-1 – System Personnel Training from the set of standards with conforming changes associated with the approval of the proposed definition of Protection System

A redline version of the Implementation Plan showing the above change has been posted for stakeholder review.

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the definition and associated implementation plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Project Background

When the Board of Trustees was asked to approve an interpretation of PRC-005-1 that was written by the Protection System and Maintenance Standard Drafting Team, the board acknowledged the reliability gap identified by the drafting team caused by the definition of "protection system," and directed that work to close this reliability gap should be given "priority." The Standards Committee directed the team to advance the definition of Protection System in parallel with the development of PRC-005-2.

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

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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