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Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Results

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Project 2010-12: Order 693 Directives

The initial ballots for the proposed standards from the Order 693 Directives ended on July 14, 2010.

Ballot Results

Voting statistics are listed below, and the detailed results can be found at the following link: [Ballot Results](#)

Quorum: 73.55%
Approval: (see table below)

Paragraph	Weighted Segment Approval	Standard No.
321	60.96%	BAL-002-1
321		BAL-002-1
330	49.90%	BAL-002-1
335	41.86%	BAL-002-1
1232	48.99%	BAL-002-1
404	62.16%	BAL-005-1
415	61.59%	BAL-005-1
420	54.82%	BAL-005-1
420		BAL-005-1
565	78.45%	EOP-001-2
571	55.39%	EOP-001-2
577	96.05%	EOP-002-3
582	77.21%	EOP-002-3
582		EOP-002-3
573	62.28%	EOP-002-3
601	36.13%	EOP-003-2
603	14.86%	EOP-003-2
612	55.97%	EOP-004-2
615	65.98%	EOP-004-2
693	81.60%	FAC-002-1
1249	33.23%	MOD-017-1

Paragraph	Weighted Segment Approval	Standard No.
1250	33.20%	MOD-017-1
1251	35.22%	MOD-017-1
1252	38.16%	MOD-017-1
1255	66.48%	MOD-017-1
1276	47.00%	MOD-019-1
1277	34.53%	MOD-019-1
1287	53.58%	MOD-020-1
1300	92.94%	MOD-021-1
1469	52.23%	PRC-004-2
1469		PRC-004-2
1858	69.22%	VAR-001-2
1879	64.35%	VAR-001-2
1879		VAR-001-2

Though the initial ballots did not reach quorum, the Standards Committee has agreed (for this project only) to move proposed changes to recirculation ballots, recognizing the extraordinary effort already put forward by stakeholders to assist in getting these revisions to the NERC Board of Trustees and the challenges some stakeholders faced in accessing the ballots.

Next Steps

As part of the recirculation ballot process, the drafting team will draft and post responses to voter comments.

Project Background

On March 18, 2010, FERC issued several orders and notices of proposed rulemakings pertaining to standards development activities and processes, suggesting a lack of progress in responding to directives from Order 693 as well in the timeliness of standards development in general. At the May 2010 NERC Board meeting, Gerry Cauley, NERC's President, also expressed these concerns, indicating that the resolution to these concerns is one of NERC's top priorities in the near term. As a result, the Standards Committee has authorized deviations from the normal standards development process for this Order 693 Directives project, as well as other projects to demonstrate that the NERC enterprise is responsive to FERC directives.

In Order No. 693, FERC issued many directives to modify NERC Reliability Standards. Several of the directives appeared to be less controversial than others. In an effort to be more responsive, the Standards Committee has approved having NERC assemble a team of experts to assist in reviewing the directives and identifying those which had a significant chance of being non-controversial; i.e., could be modified, balloted, and filed in a very short amount of time.

NERC and its team of experts originally identified 34 directives related to 13 standards that seemed to be relatively noncontroversial. Working with input from various parts of the industry, a set of proposed changes to meet the directives was developed and the Standards Committee approved an accelerated schedule with the following deviations from the standards development process:

- Post the SAR and proposed revisions for a formal shortened comment period (June 18–July 13, 2010)
- Form the ballot pool during the first 15 days of the comment period (June 18–July 2, 2010)

- Conduct an initial 10-day ballot on a line-item basis (July 2–13, 2010)
- Require the withdrawal from balloting any item that has significant disagreement from stakeholders as evidenced in comments and ballot results
- Allow modifications between the initial and recirculation ballots based on stakeholder comments to improve the overall quality of the standard (recirculation ballot July 20–30, 2010)

The directives were summarized in the tables in the balloting form. Each table addressed a set of directives associated with a standard and was posted for comment and ballot. From the original set of 34 directives and 13 standards, stakeholders indicated support for proposed revisions associated with seven directives associated with six standards and these are the only modifications moving forward for recirculation ballot.

More information is available on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-12_Order-693_Directives.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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