

Standards Announcement

Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance and Testing

Ballot and Non-binding Poll Windows Open Through 8 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 28, 2012

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A successive ballot of PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance and Testing and a non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs, are **open through 8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.**

Instructions for Balloting

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the Standard, and opinion for the non-binding poll by clicking [here](#).

Special Instructions for Submitting Comments with a Ballot

Please note that comments submitted during the formal comment period, ballot, and non-binding poll all use the same electronic form. Therefore, it is NOT necessary for ballot pool members to submit more than one set of comments. Companies or entities with representatives in multiple segments of the ballot pool may submit a single set of comments by identifying themselves as a “group” on the comment form. Likewise, it is **preferable** for a group of separate entities that develop comments jointly to submit the comments as a “group.” **The drafting team requests that all stakeholders (ballot pool members as well as other stakeholders) submit all comments through the electronic comment form, and that companies in multiple segments as well as individual entities that develop joint comments with other entities submit their comments as a “group.”**

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments and determine what changes to make in response to stakeholder input from the comments.

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.

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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