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Standards Announcement

Final Ballot Results for Nine Sets of Violation Severity Levels

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The recirculation ballot for each of the nine sets of Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) in [Project 2007-23](#) was conducted from February 8–19, 2008 and eight of the nine ballots passed. The recirculation ballot for Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP) VSLs did not pass.

Approval requires both:

- A 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
- 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.

The [Ballot Results](#) standards Web page provides a link to the detailed results of each of these ballots.

Title	Initial Ballot		Recirculation Ballot	
	Quorum	Approval	Quorum	Approval
VSLs — Balancing Resources and Demand	94.29%	69.55%	94.76%	69.45%
VSLs — Critical Infrastructure, Communications, Voltage and Reactive	94.81%	74.05%	95.28%	72.07%
VSLs — Emergency Operations	94.76%	62.07%	95.24%	59.95%
VSLs — Facilities and Modeling	94.74%	68.17%	95.22%	67.99%
VSLs — Interchange, Personnel and Nuclear	94.53%	74.17%	95.02%	72.71%
VSLs — Interconnected Reliability Operations	94.79%	75.70%	95.26%	74.15%
VSLs — Protection and Control	94.31%	71.01%	94.79%	67.79%
VSLs — Transmission Operations	94.79%	77.10%	95.26%	76.10%
VSLs — Transmission Planning	94.71%	64.96%	95.19%	71.23%

Because FERC directed NERC to submit VSLs to FERC by March 1, 2008, the NERC Board of Trustees (board) took action on the VSLs in a special meeting on February 28, 2008. The board approved (for filing with FERC) all nine sets of VSLs. The board acknowledged that the EOP VSLs did not receive the required two-thirds weighted segment affirmative vote, and proposed that the group of EOP VSLs be used in the compliance program until NERC files and obtains FERC approval of a set of revised EOP VSLs. The board then directed the Standards Committee to take steps needed to expedite the development of a revised group of EOP VSLs for filing with FERC. The Standards Committee's March 10–11, 2008 agenda includes consideration of an Urgent Action SAR to revise the EOP VSLs.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

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