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Standards Announcement

Final Ballot Results

Project 2010-10 – Facility Ratings Order 729

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The recirculation ballot for Project 2010-10 ended on January 23, 2011. The ballot pool approved the following:

- Approval of FAC-013-2 — Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon and its associated implementation plan which includes retirement of FAC-012-1 — Transfer Capability Methodology and FAC-013-1— Establish Communicate Transfer Capabilities
- Approval of definitions for Near-term Planning Horizon and Year One

Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

- Quorum: 86.65%
- Approval: 68.98%

Next Steps

This standard, its implementation plan, and new definitions were adopted and the associated VRFs and VSLs were approved by the Board of Trustees on January 24, 2011. The standard and its VRFs and VSLs, the implementation plan, and the proposed definitions will all be filed for regulatory approval by January 28, 2011.

Project Background

The proposed standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 729 as well as stakeholder comments received during an initial formal comment period and ballot. In Order 729, FERC ruled that the ATC standards developed in Project 2006-07 did not completely address the topics covered in FAC-012 and -013, and did not fully address the associated directives from Order 693. Accordingly, FERC denied the portions of the implementation plan that would have retired these standards, and instead directed NERC to use the standards development process to make changes to the FAC standards and file those changes with FERC no later than 60 days prior to the effective date of the standards, which is April 1, 2011 (requiring the proposed changes to be filed on or before January 28, 2011).

Further details are available on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10_FAC_Order_729.html

Ballot Criteria

Approval requires both a (1) 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.

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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