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Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Results

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Project 2008-14: Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) for Standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1

The initial ballot for VSLs for NERC critical infrastructure protection (CIP) standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 ended on June 24, 2009.

Ballot Results

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

Quorum:	87.23%
Approval:	83.94%

Since at least one negative ballot included a comment, these results are not final. A second (or recirculation) ballot must be conducted. Ballot criteria details are listed at the end of the announcement.

Next Steps

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

Special Notes for this Project

The Standards Committee authorized a shortened pre-ballot review period to help the team complete the initial ballot in time to present the VSLs with the initial ballot results to the Board of Trustees for adoption. The drafting team will consider the comments from the initial ballot and will post its response to comments before conducting a recirculation ballot. Although the recirculation ballot will not be completed before the board acts on the VSLs or before the VSLs need to be filed with the Commission, the results of the recirculation ballot will be presented to the board; if the results of the recirculation ballot are widely different from the results of the initial ballot, the board may direct NERC staff to amend the VSL filing.

Project Background

Standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 were originally filed with “Levels of Non-Compliance” instead of “Violation Severity Levels.” The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Order 706 (Mandatory Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection — issued January 18, 2008) approved these Version 1 CIP reliability standards and directed NERC to develop modifications to the reliability standards CIP-002 through CIP-009 to address specific concerns. Included in Order 706 was a directive for NERC to file VSLs for reliability standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 before compliance audits begin on July 1, 2009.

Project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-14_Cyber_Security_VSLDT.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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