

## Standards Announcement Final Ballot Results

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

The recirculation ballot for VSLs for NERC critical infrastructure protection (CIP) standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 ended July 16, 2009.

#### **Ballot Results**

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

Quorum: 92.77%

Approval: 84.96%

The ballot pool approved the VSLs.

#### **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 to the Board of Trustees for adoption. The board has already approved the VSLs, and NERC filed the VSLs for approval with FERC on June 30, 2009. Since the results of the recirculation ballot showed only a minor change in overall approval (from 83.94% in the initial ballot to 84.96% in the recirculation ballot), there are no plans to amend the filing submitted to FERC.

#### **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](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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