

## Standards Announcement Re-ballot Results

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### **Modifications to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure to Support NERC Board of Trustees Actions**

The re-ballot for the revised version of the Reliability Standards Development Procedure manual ended on August 14, 2009.

### **Ballot Results**

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

Quorum: 84.65%  
Approval: 74.79%

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. The drafting team will also determine whether or not to make revisions to the balloted item(s). Should the team decide to make revisions, the revised item(s) will return to the initial ballot phase.

### **Project Background**

The Reliability Standards Development Procedure contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. During some of the recent Board of Trustee meetings, the board took actions that require conforming modifications to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure:

- In February 2008, the board acted to support a request to dissolve the Joint Interface Committee.
- In October 2008, the board directed the Standards Committee to modify the standards development process to address standards developed in response to national security emergency situations.
- In February 2009, the board directed the Standards Committee to change the standards development process to change the way Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels are developed and approved. These modifications were proposed by the board's Corporate Governance and Human Resources committee after posting its proposal for stakeholder comment.

Excerpts from the meeting minutes for each of the above board meetings have been posted at <http://www.nerc.com/filez/sc.html> and should be reviewed along with the proposed revisions to the Reliability Standards Development Procedure. Note that the Standards Committee has several additional

suggestions for modifications to the standards development process, but has decided to separate modifications directed by board actions from other modifications.

### **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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