

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance PRC-005-2

Recirculation Ballot Window Open: October 15 – October 24, 2012

### Now Available

A recirculation ballot window for PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, October 24, 2012.**

The Standard Processes Manual allows drafting teams to make changes following an initial or successive ballot with a goal of improving the quality of a standard (or definition), provided those changes do not alter the applicability or scope of the proposed standard (or definition). The Protection System Maintenance and Testing drafting team made the following minor clarifying edit to Table 1-2 “Component Type - Communications Systems” of the draft standard:

- Added an “s” to “communication” in several locations within Table 1-2. The term “communications system” is now used consistently throughout the table.

### **Instructions**

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their previously cast votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member’s vote cast in the previous ballot will be carried over as that member’s vote in the recirculation ballot.

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their vote for the standard by clicking [here](#).

### **Next Steps**

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the standard and its associated implementation plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption and then filed with the appropriate regulatory authorities.

**Background**

The proposed PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 693, as well as issues identified by stakeholders. In accordance with the FERC directives, this draft standard establishes requirements for a time-based maintenance program, where all relevant devices are maintained according to prescribed maximum intervals. It further establishes requirements for a condition-based maintenance program, where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the known and reported condition of the relevant devices. For a performance-based maintenance program, it ascertains where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the historical performance of the relevant devices.

Additional information is available on the [project page](#).

**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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