

Standards Announcement Final Ballot Results

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Project 2007-17: Protection System Maintenance and Testing

The second ballot for the definition of “Protection System” ended on August 2, 2010.

Ballot Results

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

Quorum: 94.70%

Approval: 58.61%

Next Steps

The drafting team will review and respond to the comments received, and will determine whether to make additional changes to the definition or its implementation plan, based on those comments. Should the team decide to make revisions the revised item(s) will be posted for a 30-day comment period with another ballot conducted during the last ten days of that comment period.

Project Background

When the Board of Trustees was asked to approve an interpretation of PRC-005-1 that was written by the Protection System and Maintenance Standard Drafting Team, the board acknowledged the reliability gap identified by the drafting team caused by the definition of "protection system" and directed that work to close this reliability gap should be given “priority.” The Standards Committee directed the team to advance the definition of Protection System in parallel with the development of PRC-005-2.

More information is available on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Protection_System_Maintenance_Project_2007-17.htmlb

Standards Development Process

For this project, the Standards Committee authorized using the standard development process in the [Standard Processes Manual](#). The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

Ballot Criteria (from *Standard Processes Manual*)

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, at least one more ballot must be conducted. If the drafting team makes no substantive changes following the initial ballot, then a “recirculation” ballot is conducted – however if the drafting team makes substantive changes, the revised standard (or definition) must be posted for a 30-day comment period, with a successive ballot conducted during the last 10 days of that comment period. If the drafting team does not make substantive changes following the successive ballot, then the standard moves forward to a recirculation ballot.

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