

Standards Announcement

Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance & Testing Initial Ballot Results

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Ballot Results for PRC-005-2 Protection System Maintenance

An initial ballot of PRC-005-2 Protection System Maintenance, and a concurrent non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs, concluded on September 28, 2011.

Voting statistics for the standard are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) webpage provides a link to the detailed results.

Quorum: 84.86 %

Approval: 61.10 %

Non-binding Poll Results for Associated VRF and VSLs

Of those who registered to participate, 83.13% provided an opinion or abstention; 68.68% of those who provided an opinion indicated support for the VRFs and VSLs that were proposed.

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received, and decide whether to make additional revisions to the standards.

Project 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.

PRC-005-2 was posted for a recirculation ballot that ended June 30, 2011. The standard narrowly failed to achieve ballot pool approval, and in accordance with the Standards Processes Manual, the project has been reinitiated. Because the project is not new to stakeholders, the Standards Committee waived

the initial 30-day comment period and directed that the standard be posted for a formal 45-day comment period with an initial ballot conducted during the last ten days of the comment period.

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

Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

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