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Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Results

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Project 2009-17: Interpretation of PRC-004-1 and PRC-005-1 for Y-W Electric and Tri-State (Revision 1)

The initial ballot for a revised interpretation of standards PRC-004-1 — Analysis and Mitigation of Transmission and Generation Protection System Misoperations and PRC-005-1 — Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing for Y-W Electric Association, Inc. and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ended on December 7, 2009.

Ballot Results

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

Quorum: 85.83%
Approval: 58.91%

Since at least one negative ballot included a comment, these results are not final. A second (or recirculation) ballot must be conducted. Ballot criteria 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

Y-W Electric Association, Inc. and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. requested an interpretation of the term "transmission Protection System" and specifically whether protection for a radially connected transformer protection system energized from the Bulk Electric System is considered a transmission Protection System and is subject to these standards.

This is a revised version of the interpretation. The drafting team revised the interpretation to address balloter concerns regarding 1) the applicability of transmission Protection System and 2) the differences in the Regional Entity definitions of Bulk Electric System and the use of the phrase "specific clarification may be required." The changes to the interpretation are shown in a redline version posted for review. The team has also posted a response to comments received during the initial ballot (July 31-August 10, 2009) for the original interpretation.

The request and interpretation can be found on the project page:

<http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-17 Interpretation PRC-004 PRC-005 Y-W TriStateG&T.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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