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Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Results

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Project 2009-26: Interpretation of CIP-004-1 for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)

The initial ballot for an interpretation of standard CIP-004-1 — Cyber Security — Personnel & Training, Requirements R2, R3, and R4, for WECC ended on January 19, 2010.

Ballot Results

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

Quorum: 84.21%
Approval: 42.24%

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

WECC requested clarification regarding temporary access by vendors. WECC asked for clarification on 1) the definition of “authorized access,” 2) whether or not specific requirements in CIP-004-1 apply to supervised vendors, and 3) the appropriate level of supervision. If approved, this interpretation would apply to CIP-004-1, CIP-004-2, and CIP-004-3.

The request and interpretation are posted on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-26_CIP-004-1_RFI_WECC.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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