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Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Results

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Project 2008-09: Interpretation of EOP-001-0 R1 by Regional Entity Compliance Managers

The initial ballot window for an interpretation of standard EOP-001-0 — Emergency Operations Planning, Requirement R1, for the Regional Entity Compliance Managers ended on April 26, 2010.

Ballot Results

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

Quorum: 81.97 %
Approval: 98.64 %

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

The Regional Entity Compliance Managers group submitted a request for an interpretation of EOP-001-0 Requirement R1. Under Requirement R1, the Balancing Authority must have operating agreements with adjacent Balancing Authorities that contain provisions for emergency assistance, including emergency assistance from remote Balancing Authorities. The request asked for clarification on specific terminology and the applicability of Reserve Sharing Group Agreements.

This is the third revision of the interpretation. The drafting team revised the interpretation to address balloter concerns regarding the wording in the response to question 2. Balloters indicated the wording appeared to limit the Balancing Authority to agreements with Balancing Authorities within the same interconnection, which may be interpreted to nullify the use of existing agreements that cross interconnections as sufficient to meet this requirement.

The changes to the interpretation are shown in a redline version posted on the project page. The team has also posted a response to comments received during the initial ballot (conducted in November 2009) of the second revision.

More information is available on the project page: <http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/EOP-001-0 Interpretation RECM.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 non-responses. 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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