

## Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Results

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### **Project 2007-17 Ballot Results for Definition of Protection System**

The recirculation ballot window to vote on a proposed revision to the definition of the term, “Protection System” and its associated implementation plan closed on November 11, 2010. The ballot pool approved the revised definition and its associated implementation plan. Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

Quorum: 89.41 %

Approval: 86.83 %

### **Next Steps**

The revised definition and its associated implementation plan will be submitted to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval.

### **Project Background**

When the Board of Trustees was asked to approve an interpretation of PRC-005-1 that was written by the Protection System Maintenance and Testing 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.

Project Page: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Protection\\_System\\_Maintenance\\_Project\\_2007-17.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Protection_System_Maintenance_Project_2007-17.html)

### **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.

### **Standards 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.

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