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Standards Announcement
Final Ballot Results

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Interpretation of TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 for Manitoba Hydro (Project 2008-18)

The ballot pool approved the interpretation. The interpretation will be submitted to the NERC Board of Trustees for adoption.

The recirculation ballot for an interpretation of TOP-005-1 — Operational Reliability Information and IRO-005-1 — Reliability Coordination — Current Day Operations for Manitoba Hydro ended April 27, 2009. The final ballot results are shown below. The Ballot Results Web page provides a link to the detailed results.

Quorum:	95.56%
Approval:	92.81%

Ballot Criteria

Approval requires both:

- A 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
- 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.

Project Background

Manitoba Hydro requested an interpretation of the meaning of the term "degraded/degradation" as used in NERC standards TOP-005-1 and IRO-005-1 and specifically, whether a Special Protection System that is operating with only one communication channel in service would be considered "degraded" for the purposes of these standards.

The request and interpretation are posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-18_Interpretation_TOP-005-1_IRO-005-1_ManitobaHydro.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.

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