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Standards Announcement

Project 2007-17 Protection System Maintenance and Testing Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll Results

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A successive ballot on revisions to PRC-005-2 Protection System Maintenance concluded on May 13, 2011, and a concurrent non-binding poll of associated VRF and VSLs concluded on May 16, 2011. The non-binding poll was held open past the closing of the ballot to allow a quorum to be achieved.

Ballot Results for Revisions to PRC-005-2

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

Quorum: 78.33 %

Approval: 67.00 %

Non-binding Poll Results for Associated VRF and VSLs

Of those who registered to participate, 75% provided an opinion or an abstention; 66% of those who provided an opinion indicated support for the VRFs and VSLs that were proposed.

Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments received during the formal comment period, ballot, and non-binding poll, and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan and associated VRFs and VSLs. If the team makes substantive changes to address issues raised in comments, an additional 30-day formal comment period will be conducted with a successive ballot during the last 10 days of the comment period. If the team makes only minor clarifying changes to address issues identified in comments, a recirculation ballot may be conducted.

Background:

The proposed PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 693, as well as issues identified by stakeholders. In accordance with the FERC directives, this draft standard establishes requirements for a time-based maintenance program, where all relevant devices are maintained according to prescribed maximum intervals. It further establishes requirements for a condition-based maintenance program, where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the known and reported condition of the relevant devices. For a performance-based maintenance program, it ascertains where the hands-on maintenance intervals are adjusted to reflect the historical performance of the relevant devices.

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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