



Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Results for Nine Sets of Violation Severity Levels

The initial ballot for each of the nine sets of Violation Severity Levels in [Project 2007-23](#) was conducted from January 21 through January 28, 2008. Through an administrative error, the results were posted on the [Ballot Results](#) standards web page, but were not formally announced.

Initial Ballot Results		
Title	Quorum	Approval
VSLs - BAL	94.29%	69.55%
VSLs – CIP, COM, VAR	94.81%	74.05%
VSLs – EOP	94.76%	62.07%
VSLs – FAC, MOD	94.74%	68.17%
VSLs – INT, PER NUC	94.53%	74.17%
VSLs – IRO	94.79%	75.70%
VSLs – PRC	94.31%	71.01%
VSLs – TOP	94.79%	77.10%
VSLs – TPL	94.71%	64.96%

Balloters submitted many comments with specific suggestions for improvements to many of the VSLs. In the interest of developing the best set of VSLs practical (given the March 1, 2008 deadline), the Standards Committee authorized the VSL DT to consider stakeholder comments from the initial VSL ballots and make improvements to the proposed VSLs before proceeding with the recirculation ballot, and the VSL DT has done that.

The VSL DT posted its [consideration of the comments](#) submitted with the initial ballots and **revised VSLs**. The nine recirculation [ballots](#) are open through 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

Recirculation Ballot Results for Transmission Relay Loadability Standard

The recirculation ballot for PRC-023-1 — Transmission Relay Loadability was conducted from January 31 through February 9, 2008 and the ballot passed.

Quorum: 93.27 %
 Approval: 82.64 %

This standard addresses the cascading transmission outages that occurred in the August 2003 blackout when backup distance and phase relays operated on high loading and low voltage without electrical faults on the protected lines. This is the so-called 'zone 3 relay' issue, expanded to address other protection devices subject to unintended operation during extreme system conditions. The standard establishes minimum loadability criteria for these relays to minimize the chance of unnecessary line trips during a major system disturbance.

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. If you have any questions, please contact me at 813-468-5998 or maureen.long@nerc.net.

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