

## Standards Announcement Successive Ballot Results Project 2010-10: FAC Order 729

Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/Ballots.aspx>

### **Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll Results for FAC-013-2 – Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon**

A successive ballot for the proposed standard, FAC-013-2 – Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon, ended on January 8, 2011. A non-binding poll of the proposed Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) also ended on January 8, 2011. Voting and poll statistics are listed below, and the Ballot Results Web page provides a link to the detailed results.

Ballot for Standard:

- Quorum: 83.23 %
- Approval: 58.16%

Non-binding Poll for VRFs and VSLs:

- Quorum: 79.50 %
- Supportive Opinion: 68.84%

### **Next Steps**

The drafting team will consider all comments (those submitted with a comment form, and those submitted with a ballot or with the non-binding poll) and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan.

### **Project Background**

The proposed standard addresses FERC directives from FERC Order 729 as well as stakeholder comments received during an initial formal comment period and ballot. In Order 729, FERC ruled that the ATC standards developed in Project 2006-07 did not completely address the topics covered in FAC-012 and -013 and did not fully address the associated directives from Order 693. Accordingly, FERC denied the portions of the implementation plan that would have retired these standards, and instead directed NERC to use the standards development process to make changes to the FAC standards and file those changes with FERC no later than 60 days prior to the effective date of the standards, which is April 1, 2011 (requiring the proposed changes to be filed on or before January 28, 2011).

More information can be found on the project page:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10\\_FAC\\_Order\\_729.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2010-10_FAC_Order_729.html)

## Ballot Criteria

Approval requires both (1) a quorum, which is established by at least 75% of the members of the ballot pool 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.

Non-binding polls of VRFs and VSLs are conducted to provide the drafting team with constructive feedback on proposed VRFs and VSLs and also to provide information to assist in developing a recommendation for Board of Trustees approval.

## Standards Development 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

*For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson,  
Standards Process Administrator, at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net) or at 609.452.8060.*

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
116-390 Village Blvd.  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
609.452.8060 | [www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com)