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Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Results

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Revisions to Standard Processes Manual

The initial ballot window to vote on a proposed revision to the [Standard Processes Manual](#) closed on November 7, 2010.

Ballot Results for Standard Processes Manual

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

Quorum: 81.61 %

Approval: 93.72 %

Since there were negative ballots that included a comment, these results are not final.

Next Steps

The drafting team will post its consideration of all comments (those submitted with a comment form, and those submitted with a ballot) and any conforming changes to the Standard Processes Manual. If significant changes are made to the manual following the initial ballot, a successive ballot must be conducted; otherwise, the manual will proceed to a recirculation ballot.

Background:

On September 3, 2010, FERC approved NERC's proposed Standards Processes Manual filed on June 10, 2010, subject to one modification. In the [September 3 Order](#), FERC expressed its concern with NERC's classification of elements of a Reliability Standard (enforceable elements, informational elements, compliance elements) and whether these distinctions conflicted with previous direction provided in [Order No. 693](#). In Order No. 693, FERC stated that the essential element of a Reliability Standard is its Requirement and that compliance with a standard will be determined by whether an entity complied with the Requirement.

In the September 3 Order, FERC directed NERC to submit a compliance filing within 90 days (by December 1, 2010), addressing FERC's concerns with the "Elements of a Reliability Standard" section of the Standards Processes Manual. FERC noted that NERC may either revise the "Elements of a Reliability Standard" section or may remove the designation of particular elements of a Reliability Standard as enforceable if these designations are determined to be unnecessary.

A revision has been made to the manual that is responsive to the September 3 Order by rephrasing the sentence that the Commission did not agree with, and rearranging the headings and sequence of the elements that were listed as elements of a reliability standard.

Project Page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Standards_Processes_Manual.html

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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