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Standards Announcement

Recirculation Ballot Open

November 9-19, 2010

Available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Proposed Revisions to the Standard Processes Manual

The recirculation ballot window to vote on a proposed revision to the [Standard Processes Manual](#) is open from November 9 through November 19, 2010.

Instructions

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the ballot pool to review the consideration of comments submitted during the initial ballot window that ended November 7, 2010 and the consideration of comments submitted during the formal comment period that ended November 7, 2010.

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only. If a ballot pool member does not submit a revision to that member's original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the revised Standard Processes Manual will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

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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