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445 B. Balanced Voting Procedures for EC Subcommittees and Task Forces

446 For nonadministrative motions, all EC subcommittees and task forces shall
447 use balanced voting procedures whereby each segment of a quadrant holds two
448 votes to be apportioned equally to those participants of the segment present at
449 the meeting either in person or by phone. No individual may have more than one
450 vote apportioned to him or her. The votes or fractions of votes are totaled across
451 segments to determine the outcome of the motion under consideration. No
452 notational or proxy votes are permitted.

453 The foregoing procedures, however, do not apply to EC subcommittees and
454 task forces in which the membership is restricted to named members. Such
455 subcommittees and task forces are already balanced in that only the named
456 members vote, and the named members represent a balance of the segments
457 within the quadrant. Notational votes are permitted in subcommittees and task
458 forces with named members.

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460 1. Examples of Balanced Voting for One Quadrant

461 At a meeting of the REQ Customer Processes Subcommittee, there is a vote
462 on a proposed standard to be forwarded to the REQ EC as a recommendation for
463 consideration. At the meeting, both in person and on the phone, the segments
464 are represented as follows: five suppliers, three services, six distributors, and
465 one end user. The balanced vote is calculated as follows:

<i>Segment</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>		<i>Balanced Votes</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Suppliers</i>	3	2	1.2	0.8
<i>Services</i>	3		2	
<i>End Users</i>		1		1
<i>Distributors</i>	4	2	1.3	0.7
<i>Total</i>	10	5	4.5	2.5

466 As the balanced vote is 4.5 to 2.5, the motion passes.

467 Similarly, at a meeting of the REQ Customer Processes Subcommittee, there
468 is a vote on a proposed standard to be forwarded to the REQ EC as a
469 recommendation for consideration. At the meeting, both in person and on the
470 phone, the segments are represented as follows: fourteen suppliers, six services,
471 six distributors, and one end user. The balanced vote is calculated as follows:

<i>Segment</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>		<i>Balanced Votes</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Suppliers</i>	14	0	2	0
<i>Services</i>	1	5	0.3	1.7
<i>End Users</i>		1		1
<i>Distributors</i>	3	3	1	1

<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.7</i>
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472 As the balanced vote is 3.3 to 3.7, the motion fails.

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474 2. Example of Balanced Voting across Quadrants

475 In cases of joint-quadrant subcommittees, a motion must garner a majority
 476 of each affected quadrant in order to pass. This principle is illustrated in the
 477 case of a joint subcommittee formed by the Retail Gas Quadrant (“RGQ”) and the
 478 Retail Electric Quadrant (“REQ”). The RGQ/REQ Customer Processes
 479 Subcommittee holds a meeting and votes on a proposed standard to be
 480 forwarded to the Quadrant ECs as a recommendation for consideration. At the
 481 meeting, both in person and on the phone, the REQ segments are represented
 482 as follows: fourteen suppliers, six services, six distributors, and one end user.
 483 The REQ balanced vote is calculated as follows:

<i>Segment</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>		<i>Balanced Votes</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Suppliers</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Services</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.7</i>
<i>End Users</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Distributors</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>3.7</i>

484 At the meeting, both in person and on the phone, the RGQ segments are
 485 represented as follows: five suppliers, three services, six distributors, and one
 486 end user. The RGQ balanced vote is calculated as follows:

<i>Segment</i>	<i>Votes Cast</i>		<i>Balanced Votes</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Suppliers</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>
<i>Services</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>2</i>	
<i>End Users</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Distributors</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>.7</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>

487 Using the balanced votes, the motion fails (fails at REQ, passes at RGQ). If a
 488 similar vote were replicated at the EC level, the proposed standard might be a
 489 candidate for re-triage and independent consideration under Section 10.3(g) of
 490 the bylaws.