

Background:

Original Driver / Issue to Address: Provide clarification around the presentation and discussion of solutions that receive more than 50% standing committee support and greater than 50% preference over the status quo (50/50 support).

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Subgroup Members: N/A

Seeks to Accomplish: Currently Manual 34, Section 9.5, leaves it to the discretion of the Chair as to the timing of any presentation and discussion of alternative motions ("The merits of each such amended version of the Main Motion shall be discussed (when seconded) along with the original main motion, in such order as the Chair shall prescribe"). Recent MRC meeting items on ELCC (September 2020), black start and stability limits (both December 2020) included presentations and discussion prior to voting of both the Main Motion and alternative motions that received greater than 50/50 support, however this has not always been the case and the decision remains the Chair's. Given the increased diversity and attendance of Members at the MRC, there is value in providing a full presentation and discussion of all solutions that received 50/50 support at the standing committee.

- This subgroup would consider whether to formalize a policy that any solution that gets 50/50 support should be presented and discussed prior to voting.
- The subgroup may also consider the timing of presentations and discussions for amendments to any Main or alternative motions as well as any requirements for the timing of presentations and discussions of any solution that did not meet the 50/50 support threshold at the standing committee.
- The method or order of voting would not be a topic of discussion and truncated voting would continue with the Main Motion voted on first.