



GSMP Process Change Notification (PCN)

PCN #	PCN Name	Effective Date
13-002	How Abstention Votes are Counted GSMP	15 Feb 2013

Background:

The GSMP manual does not clarify how an abstention vote is counted. Add the verbiage to define how abstention votes will be counted in GSMP.

Change to Section 5.8:

Voting Procedures

The following sections define voting procedures to be used by GSMP groups. The GSMP 4-Step Process (Section 6) specifies specific voting procedures that a GSMP Working Group must use for identified process gates. For Working Group decisions arising in the ordinary course of Working Group business, as opposed to process gates, the Working Group is free to select the voting procedure that is best suited to the issue at hand. **Abstention votes are deemed as neither supporting nor rejecting the proposal and are considered toward meeting voting quorum, abstentions are not part of the calculation of consensus.**