

Standards Announcement

Project 2008-10 Interpretation of CIP-006-x R1 for Progress Energy
Ballot Pool Forming October 12 – November 10, 2011
Formal Comment Period October 12 – November 21, 2011
Initial Ballot Window Open November 11 – 21, 2011

[Project Webpage](#)

An interpretation of CIP-006-x — Physical Security of Critical Cyber Assets has been posted for a formal comment period through 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, November 21, 2011. A new ballot pool is being formed and is open through 8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, November 10th (note that ballot pools close at 8:00 *in the morning*, while comment periods and ballots close at 8:00 *in the evening*). An initial ballot of the interpretation will take place from Friday, November 11th through Monday, November 21st.

Instructions for Joining the Ballot Pool for Project 2008-10

Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballot at the following page: [Join](#)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: bp-2008-10_CIP-006-1_SB_in@nerc.com

Instructions for Commenting

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Next Steps

An initial ballot of the interpretation will begin on Friday, November 11th and will end at 8 p.m. Eastern on Monday, November 21, 2011.

Background

On April 2, 2008, clarification was requested by Progress Energy on CIP-006-1, specifically on whether Electronic Security Perimeter wiring external to a Physical Security Perimeter must be protected within a six-wall boundary.

Initial ballots ended on August 16, 2008, and October 12, 2009. In November 2009, the NERC Board of Trustees issued guidance concerning interpretations, and development of more formal process for addressing interpretations consistent with BOT guidance, as well as the overall workload and priorities of the Project 2008-06 CIP standards drafting team, resulted in a delay in further processing.

In June 2011, the Standards Committee established and appointed members for a standing CIP Interpretation Drafting Team to process the CIP-related interpretations that remain outstanding, including Project 2008-10. A new project team was formed for this interpretation from the CIP Interpretation Drafting Team. In developing the revised interpretation for this successive ballot, the team considered and discussed FERC Order No. 706 and subsequent versions of the CIP standards. In addition, since the previous versions of this interpretation were posted, the Standards Committee has published Guidelines for Interpretation Drafting Teams that were applied by the CIP Interpretation Drafting team.

Additional information on Project 2008-10 is available on the [project webpage](#). Additional information on the activities of the CIP Interpretation Drafting Team is available on the team's [webpage](#).

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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