

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards

Formal Comment Period Open through December 16, 2019

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A 45-day formal comment period for **CIP-002-6 - Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, December 16, 2019**.

Responses regarding the Planned and Unplanned changes section within CIP-002-6 were received from the July 2019 45-day comment and ballot period. Upon consideration of these comments and the issues raised, the drafting team determined that the matter of the CIP-002 identification and categorization periodicity is a larger issue that needs to be addressed holistically within CIP-002 including its requirements and criteria. Therefore, the team voted to restore the Planned and Unplanned Changes section to its previous state within the Implementation Plan and a Standard Authorization Request will be drafted to address these types of modifications in a future project. The CIP-002-6 standard will move forward with the TOCC modifications and other minor updates (i.e., removal of the retired term SPS, etc.).

### Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. Contact [Wendy Muller](#) regarding issues using the SBS. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

- *Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.*
- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS **is not** supported for use on mobile devices.*
- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

### Next Steps

An additional ballot for the standard and a non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **December 6-16, 2019**.

For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact Standards Developer, [Jordan Mallory](#) (via email) or at (404) 446-2589.

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