

Implementation Plan

Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards Reliability Standard CIP-002-6

Applicable Standard(s)

- Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 – Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization

Requested Retirement(s)

- Reliability Standard CIP-002-5.1a – Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization

Prerequisite Standard(s) or Definitions

These standard(s) or definitions must be approved before the Applicable Standard becomes effective:

- None

Applicable Entities

- Balancing Authority
- Distribution Provider
- Generator Operator
- Generator Owner
- Reliability Coordinator
- Transmission Operator
- Transmission Owner

General Considerations

This Implementation Plan includes a phased-in implementation date for Criterion 2.12 in CIP-002-6, Attachment 1. This allows Responsible Entities¹ a longer implementation period if the revisions to the Criterion would result in a higher impact level categorization of a BES Cyber System. The phased-in implementation date is only for changes resulting from the revisions to Criterion 2.12; other changes in impact level for BES Cyber Systems are covered in Section 5.1 planned and unplanned changes in CIP-002-6.

¹ As used in the CIP Reliability Standards, a Responsible Entity refers to registered functions listed under Applicable Entities.

Effective Date and Phased-In Implementation Dates

The effective date for proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 is provided below. Where the standard drafting team identified the need for a longer implementation period for compliance with a particular section of a proposed Reliability Standard (i.e., an entire Requirement or a portion of it), the additional time for compliance with that section is specified below. The phased-in implementation date for those particular sections is the date that Responsible Entities must begin to comply with that particular section of the Reliability Standard, even where the Reliability Standard goes into effect at an earlier date.

Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 – Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization

Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is required, the standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is immediately after the effective date of the applicable governmental authority's order approving the standard, or as otherwise provided for by the applicable governmental authority.

Where approval by an applicable governmental authority is not required, the standard shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter that is immediately after the date the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees, or as otherwise provided for in that jurisdiction.

Initial Performance of Periodic Requirements

Responsible Entities shall initially comply with the periodic requirements in CIP-002-6, Requirement R2 within 15 calendar months of their performance of Requirement R2 under CIP-002-5.1a.

Phased-in Implementation Date for CIP-002-6, Requirement R1, Attachment 1 Criterion 2.12

If the revisions to Criterion 2.12 result in a higher impact level categorization of a BES Cyber System (from low impact to medium impact), the Responsible Entity shall not be required to identify that BES Cyber System as medium impact nor apply the requirements throughout the CIP standards applicable to the higher categorization until 24 months after the effective date of CIP-002-6. Until that time, the Responsible Entity shall continue to identify that BES Cyber System under CIP-002-5.1a, Requirement R1, Part 1.3.

Planned or Unplanned Changes

Any references to Planned or Unplanned Changes in Implementation Plans for any version of any CIP Reliability Standard (i.e. CIP-002 through CIP-014) shall be retired upon the effective date of Reliability Standard CIP-002-6.

Retirement Date

Reliability Standard CIP-002-5.1a

Reliability Standard CIP-002-5.1a shall be retired immediately prior to the effective date of Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 in the particular jurisdiction in which the revised standard is becoming effective.