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Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Window Open

November 20–30, 2009

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Project 2009-21: Cyber Security Ninety-day Response

An initial ballot window for proposed critical infrastructure protection (CIP) Reliability Standards CIP-002-3 through CIP-009-3, a general implementation plan, and a supplemental *Implementation Plan for Newly Identified Critical Cyber Assets and Newly Registered Entities* is now open **until 8 p.m. EST on November 30, 2009**.

Special Notes for this Ballot Window

Due to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directive to develop and file modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards within 90 days of its [September 30, 2009 Order](#), the Standards Committee authorized deviations from the standards development process, which included an allowance for a concurrent ballot-formation and comment period. The drafting team has posted responses to comments received and has made revisions to proposed standard CIP-006-3 and both implementation plans to address stakeholder concerns. The revisions are summarized below:

1. CIP-006-3: the drafting team revised CIP-006-3 Requirement R1.6 to more fully address the directive included in the FERC Order approving Version 2 CIP Standards issued September 30, 2009.
2. *Implementation Plan for Version 3 of Cyber Security Standards CIP-002-3 through CIP-009-3*: in order to provide additional clarity, the drafting team modified the section of the plan that addresses retirement of earlier implementation plans.
3. *Implementation Plan for Newly Identified Critical Cyber Assets and Newly Registered Entities*: several stakeholders asked for clarity regarding language concerning the date of first occurrence of a recurring requirement. The drafting team acknowledged that the initial date of tasks being performed as part of meeting recurring requirements is problematic from an audit perspective, and the team has removed the language from the implementation plan. NERC compliance staff is expected to issue a compliance bulletin addressing this issue.

A detailed description of the changes is included in the consideration of comments document posted on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-21_Cyber_Security_90-day_Response.html

We understand this ballot will span the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday. However, in order to meet the FERC-imposed 90-day deadline, NERC believes this is a necessary inconvenience. Other current open ballot windows of less urgency will be extended to allow entities to focus on this ballot.

Instructions

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes.

Project Background

The purpose of this project is to modify certain CIP Reliability Standards in response to the directives issued in the FERC [September 30, 2009 Order](#) approving version 2 of the CIP standards. The revised standards include associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs).

Applicability of Standards in Project

Reliability Coordinator
Balancing Authority
Interchange Authority
Transmission Service Provider
Transmission Owner
Transmission Operator
Generator Owner
Generator Operator
Load-Serving Entity
NERC
Regional Entity

Standards Development Process

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) 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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