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Standards Announcement

Comment Period Open

October 13–November 12, 2009

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

Project 2009-21: Cyber Security Ninety-day Response

The drafting team for this project is seeking comments on the following documents **until 8 p.m. EST on November 12, 2009**:

- Standards Authorization Request (SAR) for Project 2009-21 Cyber Security Ninety-day Response
- Proposed Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards CIP-002-3 through CIP-009-3 (version 3 CIP standards), including associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs)
- Implementation Plan for the Version 3 CIP standards
- Revised Implementation Plan for Newly Identified Critical Cyber Assets and Newly Registered Entities

Instructions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Lauren Koller at Lauren.Koller@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2009-21_Cyber_Security_90-day_Response.html

Next Steps

The drafting team will draft and post responses to comments received during this period. Then, as directed by the NERC Standards Committee during its October 7-8, 2009 meeting, the standards and implementation plans will be posted for ballot (with no pre-ballot review period) so that NERC can comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directive issued in its [September 30, 2009 order](#) to develop and file modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards within 90 days of the date of the order.

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 Revised Reliability Standards For Critical Infrastructure Protection And Requesting Compliance Filing*: http://www.nerc.com/files/OrderApproving_V2_CIP-002_CIP-009-09302009.pdf

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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