



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC  
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

## Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Results

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### **Project 2009-21: Cyber Security Ninety-day Response**

The initial ballot for 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* ended on November 30, 2009.

### **Ballot Results**

Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) Web page provides a link to the detailed results:

Quorum: 89.58%  
Approval: 88.07%

Since at least one negative ballot included a comment, these results are not final. A second (or recirculation) ballot must be conducted. Ballot criteria are listed at the end of the announcement.

### **Next Steps**

As part of the recirculation ballot process, the drafting team will draft and post responses to voter comments. Due to the shortened schedule for this project, the recirculation ballot will likely begin within the next week.

### **Project Background**

The purpose of this project is to modify certain CIP Reliability Standards in response to the directives issued in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) [September 30, 2009 Order](#) approving version 2 of the CIP standards. Modifications must be filed within 90 days the order, and the Standards Committee authorized deviations from the standards development process to facilitate this schedule. 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.

### **Ballot Criteria**

Approval requires both a (1) quorum, which is established by at least 75 percent of the members of the ballot pool for submitting either an affirmative vote, a negative vote, or an abstention, and (2) A two-thirds majority of the weighted segment votes cast must be affirmative; the number of votes cast is the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions and nonresponses. If there are no negative votes with reasons from the first ballot, the results of the first ballot shall stand. If, however, one or more members submit negative votes with reasons, a second ballot shall be conducted.

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