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## Standards Announcement

### Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards | Virtualization

Formal Comment Period Open through **November 29, 2023**

#### Now Available

A formal comment period for draft 5 of the **CIP Virtualization standards (outlined below)** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, November 29, 2023**.

During a review for the upcoming industry webinar, the drafting team found some bullet point placement errors in CIP-003-10 and CIP-010-5 regarding TCAs in Attachment 1. A redline to clean version of draft 4, as well as an updated redline to last posting, redline to last approved, and an updated clean version have been posted on the project page to assist industry in reviewing these corrections.

- CIP-003-10 - Cyber Security – Security Management Controls\*
- CIP-004-8 - Cyber Security – Personnel & Training\*
- CIP-005-8 - Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Logical Isolation
- CIP-007-7 - Cyber Security – Systems Security Management
- CIP-010-5 - Cyber Security – Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments

\*Based on recent board adopted standards for CIP-003-9 and CIP-004-7, the posted versions for the 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards reflect CIP-003-10 and CIP-004-8. The [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) does not allow edits once a ballot pool has been formed. Even though the standard versioning within the SBS states CIP-003-9 and CIP-004-7, the version numbers within this posting are correct and entities will be voting on CIP-003-10 and CIP-004-8.

The standard drafting team's considerations of the responses received from the previous comment period are reflected in these drafts of the standards.

#### **Commenting**

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. 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**

Additional ballots for the standards and non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **November 20-29, 2023**.

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

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