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Standards Announcement

Comment Period Open March 29 – April 28, 2011

Upcoming Ballot and Non-binding Poll Windows April 19 - 28

Project 2010-15: Expedited Revisions to CIP-005-3 (*Previously Urgent Action Revisions to CIP-005*)

The Project 2010-15 SDT has posted its consideration of comments received during a formal comment period and ballot that closed on December 11, 2010, along with clean and redline versions showing changes made to Requirement R6 of CIP-005-3 Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s). Clean and redline versions of the associated reference document, Secure Remote Access and the proposed VRF and VSLs associated with Requirement R6 have also been posted. All of these documents are posted for a 30-day formal comment period **until 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, April 28.**

Instructions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net. An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the project page:

http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/SAR-Urgent_Action_Revisions%20to%20CIP-005-3.html

Next Steps

A successive ballot and non-binding poll of the VRF and associated VSLs will be conducted during the last 10 days of the 30-day formal comment period.

Project Background

The purpose of these expedited revisions is to add a requirement to identify the controls an entity must have in place before it grants remote access to Critical Cyber Assets within its Electronic Security Perimeters. This new requirement closes an identified gap in the scope of requirements aimed at protecting critical cyber assets from unauthorized access. Additional information may be found on the project page:

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Following a formal comment period and initial ballot in December 2010, the drafting team made revisions to the proposed new requirement, associated implementation plan, and reference document. A quality review was conducted of the standard and the drafting team made additional changes to the standard in response to the quality review.

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