

Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Results

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Ballot Results for Project 2008-6: CIP-002-4 Critical Asset Identification

The recirculation ballot window to vote on proposed revisions to CIP-002 closed on December 30, 2010. The ballot pool has approved the following standards and associated implementation plans:

- CIP-002-4—Cyber Security — Critical Cyber Asset Identification
- CIP-003-4— Cyber Security — Security Management Controls
- CIP-004-4— Cyber Security — Personnel and Training
- CIP-005-4— Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s)
- CIP-006-4— Cyber Security — Physical Security
- CIP-007-4—Cyber Security — Systems Security Management
- CIP-008-4—Cyber Security — Incident Reporting and Response Planning
- CIP-009-4— Cyber Security — Recovery Plans for Critical Cyber Assets

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

Quorum: 90.49%
Approval: 80.56%

Background

FERC Order 706 directed NERC to develop modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards. Due to the variety of changes directed in Order 706 and the complexity of the project, the drafting team adopted a multi-phase revision strategy. The initial phase involved modifying standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 to comply with the near-term directives included in Order 706. The resulting version 2 CIP standards were approved by the NERC Board of Trustees, and as part of its approval Order, FERC directed NERC to make changes to two standards and the associated implementation plan within 90 days. Those changes, along with necessary conforming cross-reference changes for the remaining six CIP standards, resulted in the version 3 CIP standards. The current phase (Phase II) involves the more complex FERC directives.

The team has been working to revise CIP-002 – Identification of Critical Assets, with the goal of establishing bright line criteria for the identification of critical assets. In November, the SC Executive Committee authorized the team to conduct an abbreviated comment period in parallel with a successive ballot, to support providing stakeholders with the opportunity to provide comment, while also supporting the goal of completing this set of revisions to CIP-002 before the end of December, 2010.

Next Steps

The standards will be submitted to the NERC Board of Trustees for approval.

Ballot Criteria

Approval requires both a (1) quorum, which is established by at least 75% 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 non-responses.

Standards Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) 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 participated.

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