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## Standards Announcement

Project 2010-15 Expedited Revisions to CIP-005-4 (*Previously Urgent Action Revisions to CIP-005*)

Successive Ballot and Non-binding Poll Now Open

Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

A successive ballot of revisions to CIP-005-4 and concurrent non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs are open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, April 28.**

### Instructions

Members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>. All members of the ballot pool must cast a new ballot since the votes and comments from the last ballot will not be carried over. In addition, members of the ballot pool will need to cast a new opinion on the revised VRFs and VSLs.

### Special Instructions for Submitting Comments With a Ballot

Comments submitted with ballots are extremely valuable to help the drafting team revise its work. In an effort to reduce the burden on stakeholders providing comments, the drafting team requests that all comments (both those submitted with a ballot and those submitted by stakeholders not balloting) be submitted through the [electronic comment](#) form. This will ensure that stakeholders only provide a single set of comments, but have an opportunity to notify the drafting team if they have provided comments.

During the successive ballot window, members of the ballot pool associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>. **When submitting a ballot with comments, simply record a “Comments submitted” or “No comments” in the comments field of the ballot to indicate whether comments were submitted, and then submit comments separately via the [electronic comment](#) form.** (The drafting team will consider and respond to each comment submitted via the checkbox form.)

Documents for this project, including the electronic checkbox form for submittal of comments as well as an off-line unofficial copy of the questions listed in the comment form, are posted at the following site: [http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/SAR-Urgent\\_Action\\_Revisions%20to%20CIP-005-3.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/SAR-Urgent_Action_Revisions%20to%20CIP-005-3.html)

### Next Steps

The drafting team will consider all comments and will determine whether to make additional changes to the standard and its implementation plan.

## 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:

[http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/SAR-Urgent\\_Action\\_Revisions%20to%20CIP-005-3.html](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/SAR-Urgent_Action_Revisions%20to%20CIP-005-3.html)

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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