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## Standards Announcement

### Initial Ballot Results

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#### **Project 2010-15: Urgent Action Revisions to CIP-005-3**

An initial ballot window for urgent action revisions to CIP-005 — Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s) ended on September 27, 2010.

#### **Initial Ballot Results for CIP-005-4 Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s)**

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

Quorum: 96.46%

Approval: 21.77%

#### **Transition from Reliability Standards Development Procedure Version 7 to Standard Processes Manual**

The Urgent Action Process contained in the Reliability Standards Development Procedure Version 7, was replaced with a more flexible “Expedited Standard Development Process” in the Standard Processes Manual. The Urgent Action Process was intended for use when there was a reliability-related need to develop or revise a standard under strict time constraints. The Urgent Action Process did not include any stakeholder comment period, and required posting the proposal and product for a 30-day pre-ballot review, followed by balloting.

Under the Expedited Standard Development Process, the Standards Committee has latitude to exercise judgment on a case-by-case basis in determining the best approach to managing a project that must be completed in a short time period. The Standards Committee may adjust comment periods, ballot formation periods, ballot windows, and may allow significant changes between ballots. The use of the expedited process may be used to address urgent reliability issues or may be used for projects with time constraints associated with project completion.

The proposed revisions to CIP-005 had already been posted for pre-ballot review under the Urgent Action process in the Reliability Standards Development Procedure Version 7 when the Standard Processes Manual was approved. The project moved forward to balloting as an Urgent Action item.

#### **Next Steps**

The Standards Committee will determine the next steps for this project.

#### **Project Background**

The purpose of these urgent action 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.

## **Applicability of this Standard**

Reliability Coordinator

Balancing Authority

Interchange Authority

Transmission Service Provider

Transmission Owner

Transmission Operator

Generator Owner

Generator Operator

Load Serving Entity

NERC

Regional Entity

## **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 participate.

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