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Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Window

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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) is now open **until 8 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2010.**

Recent discovery and announcement of vulnerabilities for remote access methods and technologies that were previously thought secure and in use by a number of large electric sector entities, necessitate urgent changes to industry security control standards. This urgent action provides a requirement for configuring secure remote access to Cyber Assets and electronic access control points (and other non-critical Cyber Assets within a defined Electronic Security Perimeter).

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>

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 will move forward to balloting as an Urgent Action item.

Next Steps

The team will post its response to comments, and then proceed (if the standard needs no significant changes) to a 10-day recirculation ballot.

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.

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

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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