

Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window

August 11–September 10, 2009

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Project 2008-06: Cyber Security (VRFs and VSLs for Version 2 CIP Standards)

Proposed Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) for Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) standards CIP-002-2 through CIP-009-2 and Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) for CIP-003-2 and CIP-006-2 are posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on these items **until 8 a.m. EDT on September 10, 2009**.

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2008-06_CIP_VSL_VRF_in](#).

Next Steps

Voting will begin shortly after the pre-ballot review closes.

Project Background

Standards CIP-002-2 through CIP-009-2 have been approved by stakeholders; the purpose of this part of the project is to complete the VSLs (for CIP-002-2 through CIP-009-2) and VRFs (for CIP-003-2 and CIP-006-2) for those standards. This step is part of the overall Project 2008-06 — Cyber Security Order 706.

VSLs: The posted VSLs are those associated with requirements that were modified when converting standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 into CIP-002-2 through CIP-009-2.

VRFs: The posted VRFs are for the two standards with VRF changes resulting from modifications made during the transition from standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 to CIP-002-2 through CIP-009-2:

- CIP-003-2 Security Management Controls
- CIP-006-2 Physical Security of Critical Cyber Assets.

Project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project_2008-06_Cyber_Security.html

Standards Development Process

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) 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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