

Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window

May 26–June 15, 2009

Correction:

Regarding the posting announced below, errors were discovered in the Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) for CIP-005-1 Requirement R5.3 and CIP-006-1 Requirement R5.

Corrections have been applied to the documents posted on the project page:

- The “clean” version shows the above corrections as tracked changes
- The “redline to last posting” version shows all changes since the last comment period, including the above corrections, as tracked changes

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) for Standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 (Project 2008-14)

The drafting team for Project 2008-14 (Cyber Security Violation Severity Levels) has posted VSLs for NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 for an abbreviated 20-day pre-ballot review. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on the interpretation **until 8 a.m. EDT on June 15, 2009**. At 8 a.m. on June 15, the ballot pool will close and simultaneously the ballot window will open.

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-2008-14_VSL_CIP2-9v1_in](#)

Project Background

Standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 were originally filed with “Levels of Non-Compliance” instead of “Violation Severity Levels.”

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Order 706 (Mandatory Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection — Issued January 18, 2008) approved these Version 1 Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) reliability standards and directed NERC to develop modifications to the Reliability Standards CIP-002 through CIP-009 to address specific concerns. Included in Order 706 was a directive for NERC to file VSLs for reliability standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 before compliance audits begin on July 1, 2009.

Project page: http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project2008-14_Cyber_Security_VSLDT.html

Notes for this Pre-ballot Window

The Standards Committee authorized the shortened pre-ballot review period to help the team complete the initial ballot in time to present the VSLs with the initial ballot results to the Board of Trustees for adoption. The drafting team will consider the comments from the initial ballot and will post its response to comments before conducting a recirculation ballot. Although the recirculation ballot will not be completed before the board acts on the VSLs or before the VSLs need to be filed with the Commission, the results of the recirculation ballot will be presented to the board; if the results of the recirculation ballot are widely different from the results of the initial ballot, the board may direct NERC staff to amend the VSL filing.

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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