

## Standards Announcement Initial Ballot Results

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

The initial ballot for 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 ended on September 21, 2009.

### **Ballot Results**

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

Quorum: 87.45%  
Approval: 94.18%

Since at least one negative ballot included a comment, these results are not final. A second (or recirculation) ballot must be conducted. Ballot criteria are listed at the end of the announcement.

### **Next Steps**

As part of the recirculation ballot process, the drafting team must draft and post responses to voter comments. The drafting team will also determine whether or not to make revisions to the balloted item(s). Should the team decide to make revisions, the revised item(s) will return to the initial ballot phase.

### **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 and VRFs for those standards. This step is part of the overall Project 2008-06 — Cyber Security Order 706.

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. 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](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.

## **Ballot Criteria**

Approval requires both a (1) quorum, which is established by at least 75% of the members of the ballot pool for submitting either an affirmative vote, a negative vote, or an abstention, and (2) A two-thirds majority of the weighted segment votes cast must be affirmative; the number of votes cast is the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions and nonresponses. If there are no negative votes with reasons from the first ballot, the results of the first ballot shall stand. If, however, one or more members submit negative votes with reasons, a second ballot shall be conducted.

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