

Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window

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Revisions to Cyber Security Standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 (Project 2008-06)

The Cyber Security Standard Drafting Team (Project 2008-06) has posted its revisions to cyber security standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 for a 30-day pre-ballot review. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on these standards revisions **until 8 a.m. EDT on April 1, 2009**. The posting includes associated implementation plans for the standards.

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list server.) The list server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2008-06_CIP_2-9_Rev_in](#)

Project Background

The Cyber Security Standard Drafting Team has been assigned the responsibility of revising the cyber security standards as follows:

- ensure the standards conform to the latest version of the ERO Rules of Procedure, including the Reliability Standards Development Procedure,
- address the directed modifications identified in FERC Order 706, and
- consider other cyber-related standards, guidelines, and activities.

The drafting team subdivided its work into multiple phases, with “Phase I” (the current phase) focused on addressing near term directives in FERC Order 706. The most significant of these revisions addresses the directive to remove references to “reasonable business judgment” before compliance audits begin in 2009. All issues that will require significant industry debate were deferred to later phases of the project to ensure that the FERC imposed deadline for removing “reasonable business judgment” can be met.

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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