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Standards Announcement

Initial Ballot Window Open

June 15–24, 2009

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

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

An initial ballot window for VSLs for NERC critical infrastructure protection (CIP) standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on June 24, 2009**.

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>

Next Steps:

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes.

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 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

Special Notes for this Project

The Standards Committee authorized a 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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