

Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Window Open April 17–27, 2009

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

A recirculation ballot window for revisions to cyber security standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 is now open **until 8 p.m. EDT on April 27, 2009**. The posting includes an associated implementation plan for the standards. The page numbers in CIP-002-2 and CIP-003-2 have been corrected.

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

Recirculation Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the Ballot Pool to review the consideration of comments submitted with the initial ballots. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if a Ballot Pool member does not submit a revision to that member’s original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their vote from the first ballot.
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot.
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote.

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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