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Standards Announcement

Recirculation Ballot Window Open

July 7–16, 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

A recirculation 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 July 16, 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>

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.

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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