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### **Background Information**

The last successive ballot to this interpretation closed on October 12, 2009. Since that date, a project team from the CIP Interpretation Drafting Team reviewed and responded to the comments received from the last successive ballot and made revisions to the interpretation. The project team revised the interpretation pursuant to NERC Guidelines for Interpretation Drafting Teams ([available here](http://www.nerc.com/files/Guidelines_for_Interpretation_Drafting_Teams_Approved_April_2011.pdf)).

The interpretation drafting team determined that the interpretation must limit itself to the question asked: whether CIP-006-1, Requirement R1.1, applies to the aspects of wiring that comprises the ESP. The interpretation drafting team revised the interpretation from the last successive ballot accordingly.

The definition of “Cyber Asset” in the *NERC Glossary of Terms Used in Reliability Standards* includes “communication networks,” but the interpretation drafting team determined that it does not explicitly include wiring or communication mediums in general. Since wiring is not included in the definition of “Cyber Asset,” the interpretation drafting team interpreted that Requirement R1.1 of CIP-006-1 does not apply to wiring.

The team furthermore acknowledges and notes in its revised interpretation that a different interpretation, appended to CIP-006-3c as appendix 3, applies to the “alternative measures” question “where a completely enclosed (‘six-wall’) border cannot be established” for “Cyber Assets within an Electronic Security Perimeter.” The interpretation drafting team has determined that such analysis is beyond the scope of this interpretation. CIP-006-1 R1.1 applies to “Cyber Assets” and this interpretation is limited to whether wiring is a “Cyber Asset.” A secondary analysis of “acceptable alternative measures where a completely enclosed (‘six-wall’) border cannot be established” does not apply.

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