

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards

Formal Comment Period Open through September 6, 2016  
Ballot Pools Forming through August 19, 2016

### [Now Available](#)

A 45-day formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, September 6, 2016** for:

1. **CIP-003-7 - Cyber Security – Security Management Controls**
2. **CIP-003-7 implementation plan**
3. **The new term - Low Impact External Routable Communication (LERC) and its definition**

### Commenting

Use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties using the electronic form, contact [Wendy Muller](#). An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

### Join the Ballot Pools

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Friday, August 19, 2016**. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pools [here](#).

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### Next Steps

Initial ballots for the standard, implementation plan, and the new term for and definition of LERC, as well as a non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **August 26 – September 6, 2016**.

For more information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact either Senior Standards Developer, [Stephen Crutchfield](#) at (609) 651-9455 or [Al McMeekin](#) at (404) 446-9675.

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