Unofficial Comment Form

Project 2016-03 Cyber Security Supply Chain Management

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Documents and information about this project are available on the [project page](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project201603CyberSecuritySupplyChainManagement.aspx). If you have any questions, contact Standards Developer, Mark Olson (via email), or at (404) 446-9760.

## Background Information

On July 21, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued [Order No. 829](http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2016/072116/E-8.pdf) that directed NERC to develop a new or modified Reliability Standard that addresses supply chain risk management for industrial control system hardware, software, and computing and networking services associated with Bulk Electric System (BES) operations as follows:

"[The Commission directs] NERC to develop a forward-looking, objective-based Reliability Standard to require each affected entity to develop and implement a plan that includes security controls for supply chain management for industrial control system hardware, software, and services associated with bulk electric system operations. The new or modified Reliability Standard should address the following security objectives, [discussed in detail in the Order]: (1) software integrity and authenticity; (2) vendor remote access; (3) information system planning; and (4) vendor risk management and procurement controls."

The Commission also directed the new or revised Standard to be filed within one-year of the effective date of the Order.

The drafting team has developed a SAR for new or modified Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standard(s) to require applicable entities to develop and implement plan(s) that include security controls for supply chain management of industrial control system hardware, software, and computing and networking services that impact BES operations as described in Order No. 829.

## Questions

You do not have to answer all questions. Enter comments in simple text format. Bullets, numbers, and special formatting will not be retained.

1. Do you agree with the proposed scope for Project 2016-03 as described in the SAR? If you do not agree, or if you agree but have comments or suggestions for the project scope please provide your recommendation and explanation.

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Comments:

2. Provide any additional comments for the Standards Drafting Team to consider, if desired.

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