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Project 2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003

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Additional information is available on the [project page](https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2023-04-Modifications-to-CIP-003.aspx). If you have questions, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Chris Larson](mailto:chris.larson@nerc.net) (via email), or at 470-599-3851.

## Background Information

The proposed project will address the issues identified by the [Low Impact Criteria Review Team (LICRT) report](https://www.nerc.com/pa/comp/SupplyChainRiskMitigationProgramDL/NERC_LICRT_White_Paper_clean.pdf), which recognized that low impact Bulk Electric System (BES) Cyber Systems may introduce BES reliability risks of a higher impact where distributed low impact BES Cyber Systems are used for a coordinated attack. The LICRT recommended enhancing the existing low impact category to further mitigate the coordinated attack risk. More specifically, the proposed project will modify CIP-003-9 to add controls to authenticate remote users, protect the authentication information in transit, and detect malicious communications for assets containing low impact BES Cyber Systems with external routable connectivity.

**Questions**

1. Do you agree with the proposed scope 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.

Yes

No

Comments:

1. Provide any additional comments for the SAR drafting team to consider, if desired.

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