Unofficial Nomination Form
Project 2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003

Standard Drafting Team

**Do not** use this form for submitting nominations. Use the [electronic form](https://nerc.checkboxonline.com/3B09F557-5358-44B5-8A2D-CBD197088E12?test=true) to submit nominations for **Project 2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003** Standard Drafting Team (SDT) members by **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, December 7, 2023.** This unofficial version is provided to assist nominees in compiling the information necessary to submit the electronic form.

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 (via email), or at 470-599-3851.

By submitting a nomination form, you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in face-to-face meetings and conference calls. Previous drafting or review team experience is beneficial, but not required.

Project Information

Project Purpose

In light of cybersecurity events and the evolving threat landscape, the NERC Board took action at its February 4, 2021 meeting to direct NERC staff, working with stakeholders, to expeditiously complete its broader review and analysis on facilities that house low impact BES Cyber Assets. Specifically, the degrees of risk presented by various facilities that house the low impact BES Cyber Assets and report on whether the low impact criteria should be modified. To assist in this evaluation, NERC staff assembled a team of cybersecurity experts and compliance experts representative of a cross section of industry, called the Low Impact Criteria Review Team (LICRT). The LICRT’s primary purpose was to discuss the potential threat and risk posed by a coordinated cyber attack on low impact BES Cyber Systems. In its report, the LICRT documented the results of the review and analysis of degrees of risk presented by various facilities that meet the criteria that define low impact cyber facilities and recommends actions to address those risks. The Board accepted the LICRT’s report at its November 2022 meeting and asked that the recommendations in the report be initiated. The Standards Committee accepted the SAR at its March 22, 2023 meeting.

The LICRT report recognized that low impact 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 team recommended enhancing the existing low impact category to further mitigate the coordinated attack risk. The proposed project will revise CIP-003-9 to add controls to authenticate remote users, protect the authentication information in transit, and detect malicious communications assets containing low impact BES Cyber Systems with external routable connectivity.

Standard(s) affected: CIP-003-9

Nominee Expertise Requested

NERC is seeking individuals who possess experience in the following areas:

* Effective communication, technical writing, negotiation, and facilitation
* Experience with CIP-003-9 and Cyber Security Management Controls
* Understanding of BES Cyber Asset Low Impact criteria
* Understanding of reliability risks associated with BES Cyber Assets and BES Cyber Systems
* Understanding of coordinated attack risks and mitigation options
* Understanding of external routable connectivity (ERC)
* Understanding of authentication for remote users
* Understanding of protection of user authentication information
* Understanding of detection of malicious communications
* Responsible entity compliance related to the areas listed above

# **Time Commitment Expectations**

Time commitments for most projects include up to two face-to-face meetings per quarter (on average two full working days each meeting) with conference calls scheduled as needed. Team members can agree to individual or subgroup assignments, hold separate meetings, and present to the full drafting team for discussion and review. Another important component of quality reviews and drafting team efforts is outreach. Members of the team will be expected to conduct industry outreach during the development process to support a successful project outcome.

## Project Priority

Each project will be developed according to that project’s priority status. While each standard project addresses particular industry needs, some will be identified as a higher priority. A higher priority project can include a strict timeline, which may be needed to effectively respond to a FERC Directive or other factors determined by the NERC Board of Trustees. A higher priority project may also need to increase the frequency of meetings at any time throughout the development process to account for project timeline needs. Similarly, lower priority projects may adjust to less frequent meetings to reallocate resources to high priority projects.

This project has been identified as higher priority at this time.

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| Please briefly describe your experience and qualifications to serve on the requested SAR Drafting Team (Bio): |
| **If you are currently a member of any NERC drafting team, please list each team here:**[ ]  Not currently on any active SAR or standard drafting team. [ ]  Currently a member of the following SAR or standard drafting team(s): |
| **If you previously worked on any NERC drafting team please identify the team(s):** [ ]  No prior NERC SAR or standard drafting team.[ ]  Prior experience on the following team(s): |
| **Acknowledgement that the nominee has read and understands both the *NERC Participant Conduct Policy* and the *Standard Drafting Team Scope* documents, available on NERC Standards Resources.**[ ]  Yes, the nominee has read and understands these documents. |

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| Select each NERC Region in which you have experience relevant to the Project for which you are volunteering: |
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| **Select each Industry Segment that you represent:** |
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| [ ]  | 8 — Small Electricity End Users |
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| [ ]  | NA – Not Applicable |

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| Provide the names and contact information for two references who could attest to your technical qualifications and your ability to work well in a group: |
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| Provide the name and contact information of your immediate supervisor or a member of your management who can confirm your organization’s willingness to support your active participation. |
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1. These functions are defined in the NERC [Functional Model](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Functional%20Model%20Advisory%20Group%20DL/FMAG_Inf_Functional%20Model%20v6%20%28clean%29.pdf), which is available on the NERC web site. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)