

## Standards Announcement

Project 2012-INT-04 – Interpretation of CIP-007-3 for ITC

**Formal Comment Period Open: February 6 – March 22, 2013**

**Ballot Pool Forming Now: February 6 – March 7, 2013**

Upcoming

Initial Ballot: March 13 – March 22, 2013

### [Now Available](#)

A formal comment period for an interpretation of **CIP-007-3** for ITC is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 22, 2013**. A ballot pool is being formed and the ballot pool window is open through 8 a.m. Eastern on **Thursday, March 7, 2013** (*please note that ballot pools close at 8 a.m. Eastern and mark your calendar accordingly*).

### **Instructions for Joining Ballot Pool(s)**

Registered Ballot Body members must join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote in the balloting of the interpretation of CIP-007-3. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool at the following page: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using the “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list server.)

The ballot pool list server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2012-INT-04\\_CIP-007\\_in@nerc.com](mailto:bp-2012-INT-04_CIP-007_in@nerc.com)

The ballot pool is open **through 8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, March 7, 2013**.

### **Instructions for Commenting**

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 22, 2013**. Please use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

### **Next Steps**

An initial ballot will be conducted March 13, 2013 through 8 p.m. ET Friday, March 22, 2013.

## Background

In May 2011, the Standards Committee appointed a standing CIP Interpretation Drafting Team (IDT) for the development of CIP Interpretations. A project team from the CIP IDT has reviewed ITC's request for interpretation and developed this interpretation pursuant to the NERC Guidelines for IDTs. In its first question, ITC asked for clarification on whether each sub-requirement of CIP-007-3, Requirement R5 requires both "technical and procedural controls." In its second question, ITC asked for clarification on whether technical controls in CIP-007-3, Requirement R5.3 mean that each individual Cyber Asset within the Electronic Security Perimeter (ESP) has to automatically enforce each of the three R5.3 sub-parts.

## Standards Development Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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