

Implementation Plan for Version 4 of Cyber Security Standards CIP-002-4 through CIP-009-4

Prerequisite Approvals

There are no other reliability standards or Standard Authorization Requests (SARs), in progress or approved, that must be implemented before these standards can be implemented.

Applicable Standards

The following standards are covered by this Implementation Plan:

- CIP-002-4 — Cyber Security — Critical Cyber Asset Identification
- CIP-003-4 — Cyber Security — Security Management Controls
- CIP-004-4 — Cyber Security — Personnel and Training
- CIP-005-4 — Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s)*¹
- CIP-006-4 — Cyber Security — Physical Security
- CIP-007-4 — Cyber Security — Systems Security Management
- CIP-008-4 — Cyber Security — Incident Reporting and Response Planning
- CIP-009-4 — Cyber Security — Recovery Plans for Critical Cyber Assets

These standards are posted for ballot by NERC together with this Implementation Plan. When these standards become effective, all prior versions of these standards are retired.

Compliance with Standards

Once these standards become effective, the Responsible Entities identified in the Applicability section of the standard must comply with the requirements. These Responsible Entities include:

- Reliability Coordinator
- Balancing Authority
- Interchange Authority
- Transmission Service Provider
- Transmission Owner
- Transmission Operator
- Generator Owner
- Generator Operator
- Load Serving Entity
- NERC
- Regional Entity

Proposed Effective Date for CIP-002-4

Responsible Entities shall be compliant with the requirements of CIP-002-4 on the Effective Date specified in the Standard.

¹ CIP-005-4 is being processed as an Urgent Action revision under Project 2010-15 and includes modifications to one of the requirements. CIP-005-4 will be modified and added to the set of standards in this implementation plan so that it has correct references to associated “Version 4” CIP standards after it has completed its balloting through the Urgent Action process.

Proposed Effective Date for CIP-003-4 – CIP-009-4

Critical Cyber Assets Already in Compliance with CIP-003-3 – CIP-009-3

Critical Cyber Assets identified by CIP-002-4 R2 that are already compliant with CIP-003-3 through CIP-009-3 shall be compliant with the requirements of CIP-003-4 through CIP-009-4 on the Effective Date specified in each Version 4 Standard.

Critical Cyber Assets Associated with Critical Assets Newly Identified by CIP-002-4

U.S. Nuclear Power Plant Facilities

For Owners and Operators of U.S. Nuclear Power Plants, Critical Cyber Assets associated with U.S. Nuclear Power Plants identified as Critical Assets which are newly identified by CIP-002-4 R1 within the first 18 months following the Effective Date of CIP-002-4 shall be compliant with CIP-003-4 through CIP-009-4 by the latter of (i) 18 months after the Effective Date of CIP-002-4 or (ii) 6 months following the completion of the first refueling outage beyond 18 months from the Effective Date of CIP-002-4 for those requirements requiring a refueling outage.

All Facilities Other Than U.S. Nuclear Power Plant Facilities

For Responsible Entities who previously identified Critical Cyber Assets under CIP-002-1 R3, CIP-002-2 R3, or CIP-002-3 R3; Critical Cyber Assets associated with Critical Assets which are newly identified by CIP-002-4 R1 within the first 18 months following the Effective Date of CIP-002-4 shall be compliant with CIP-003-4 through CIP-009-4 18 months after the Effective Date of CIP-002-4.

All Other Critical Cyber Assets

For all cases not identified above, Critical Cyber Assets shall be compliant with the requirements of **CIP-003-4 through CIP-009-4** by the latter of (i) the Effective Date specified in each Version 4 Standard or (ii) the compliance milestones in the *Implementation Plan for Newly Identified Critical Cyber Assets and Newly Registered Entities* based on the earliest date of identification of the Critical Cyber Asset from CIP-002-1 R3, CIP-002-2 R3, CIP-002-3 R3, or CIP-002-4 R2.

Implementation Plan for Newly Identified Critical Cyber Assets and Newly Registered Entities

Concurrently submitted with Version 4 of Cyber Security Standards CIP-002-4 through CIP-009-4 is a separate Implementation Plan document for use by the Responsible Entities to bring any newly identified Critical Cyber Assets into compliance with the Cyber Security Standards, as those assets are identified. This Implementation Plan will apply based on the situations identified in the above section, *Proposed Effective Date*. The Implementation Plan for newly identified Critical Cyber Assets provides a reasonable schedule for the Responsible Entity to achieve the ‘Compliant’ state for those newly identified Critical Cyber Assets.

The Implementation Plan for newly identified Critical Cyber Assets also addresses how to achieve the ‘Compliant’ state for: 1) Responsible Entities that merge with or are acquired by other Responsible Entities; and 2) Responsible Entities that register in the NERC Compliance Registry during or following the completion of the Implementation Plan for Version 4 of the NERC Cyber Security Standards CIP-002-4 to CIP-009-4.

Prior Version Standard Retirements

Standards CIP-002-3 – CIP-009-3 shall be retired upon the Effective Date of the corresponding Version 4 Standards.

