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Standards Announcement Recirculation Ballot Window Opens December 20-30, 2010

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Project 2008-06: Cyber Security Order 706

A recirculation ballot window for standard CIP-002-4 — Critical Cyber Asset Identification is open **until 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, December 30th, 2010.**

Instructions

Members of the ballot pools associated with this project may log in and submit their votes from the following page: <https://standards.nerc.net/CurrentBallots.aspx>

Ballot Process

The Standards Committee encourages all members of the ballot pool to review the consideration of comments submitted during the last ballot window. In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception only — if a ballot pool member does not submit a revision to that member's original vote, the vote remains the same as in the first ballot. Members of the ballot pool may:

- Reconsider and change their votes from the first ballot
- Vote in the second ballot even if they did not vote on the first ballot
- Take no action if they do not want to change their original vote

Additional Information

The Standard Processes Manual allows drafting teams to make changes following an initial or successive ballot with a goal of improving the quality of a standard, provided those changes do not alter the applicability or scope of the proposed standard. Following the initial ballot, the Project 2008-06 drafting team made minor changes to CIP-002-4 and the associated guidance document and implementation plan. Redlines against the last posted documents as well as the last approved versions of CIP-002 through CIP-009, along with redlines of the guidance document and implementation plan against the last posted versions have been posted on the [project page](#) for stakeholder review.

Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the standard, Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, guidance document, and associated implementation plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Background

FERC Order 706 directed NERC to develop modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards. Due to the variety of changes directed in Order 706 and the complexity of the project, the drafting team adopted a multi-phase revision strategy. The initial phase involved modifying standards CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 to comply with

the near-term directives included in Order 706. The resulting version 2 CIP standards were approved by the NERC Board of Trustees, and as part of its approval Order, FERC directed NERC to make changes to two standards and the associated implementation plan within 90 days. Those changes, along with necessary conforming cross-reference changes for the remaining six CIP standards, resulted in the version 3 CIP standards. The current phase (Phase II) involves the more complex FERC directives.

The team has been working to revise CIP-002 – Identification of Critical Assets, with the goal of establishing bright line criteria for the identification of critical assets. In November, the SC Executive Committee authorized the team to conduct an abbreviated comment period in parallel with a successive ballot, to support providing stakeholders with the opportunity to provide comment, while also supporting the goal of completing this set of revisions to CIP-002 before the end of December, 2010.

Applicability of Standards in Project

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

Standards 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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