Please **DO NOT** use this form for submitting comments. Please use the [electronic form](https://www.nerc.net/nercsurvey/Survey.aspx?s=88ed7af4789544bd92383cf4d2a56210) to submit comments on the VRFs and VSLs of the Standards. The electronic comment form must be completed by 8 p.m. ET, **November 5, 2012.**

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[Project Page](http://www.nerc.com/filez/standards/Project_2008-06_Cyber_Security_Version_5_CIP_Standards_.html)

Background Information

In 2008, FERC Order No. 706 directed the ERO to develop modifications to Version 1 of the NERC CIP Cyber Security Standards to address a range of concerns in various areas of the Version 1 standards.

Version 5 of the NERC CIP Cyber Security Standards is intended to address all remaining standards related issues of FERC Order No. 706.

The SDT believes the NERCVersion 5 CIP Cyber Security Standards provide a cyber security framework for the categorization and protection of BES Cyber Systems to support the reliable operation of the Bulk Electric System.  These standards recognize the differing roles of each entity in the operation of the Bulk Electric System, the criticality and vulnerability of the cyber systems needed to support Bulk Electric System reliability, and the risks to which they are exposed.  Additional information about the project is available on the project page.

One of the ERO’s priorities is to develop a robust set of critical infrastructure reliability standards that enable the industry to adapt to continuously changing threats and vulnerabilities by emphasizing security risk management.

The VRFs and VSLs for all of the standards have been consolidated into one document. Each primary requirement is assigned a VRF and a set of one or more VSLs. These elements support the determination of an initial value range for the Base Penalty Amount regarding violations of requirements in FERC-approved Reliability Standards, as defined in the ERO Sanction Guidelines.

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1. Do you agree with the VRFs and VSLs for CIP-002-5? If not, please provide specific suggestions for improvement.

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