

Standards Announcement

Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards

Formal Comment Period Open through December 11, 2017

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A 45-day formal comment period for **CIP-012-1 - Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, December 11, 2017**.

The standard drafting team's considerations of the responses received from the last comment period are reflected in this draft of the standard.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. If you experience issues navigating the SBS, contact [Wendy Muller](#). An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

- *If you are having difficulty accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out, contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern).*
- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS **is not** supported for use on mobile devices.*
- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

Next Steps

An additional ballot for the standard and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **December 1-11, 2017**.

For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

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