

Standards Announcement

Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards

Formal Comment Period Open through July 2, 2018

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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, July 2, 2018**.

The Technical Rationale and Implementation Guidance Documents for CIP-012-1 will be posted within 15 days of the comment period opening.

Additionally, the CIP standard drafting team (SDT) proposed a revised Control Center definition during the March 16 – April 30, 2018 comment and ballot period. Based on feedback received from industry, the SDT decided to draft exemption language within the applicability section of CIP-012 instead of revising the Control Center definition. Please see the Control Center definition consideration of comments report for additional SDT responses on the new path taken by the SDT.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. If you experience difficulties 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 a non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **June 22 – July 2, 2018**.

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

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