

# Standards Announcement

## 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards Communication Networks and CIP Exceptional Circumstances

Informal Comment Period Open through March 13, 2017

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The Project 2016-02 Standard Drafting Team (SDT) is requesting stakeholder input on two issues it is addressing: (1) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission directive regarding Communication Networks; and, (2) determining if additional CIP requirements are impacted during a declared CIP Exceptional Circumstance. 30-day informal comment periods are open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, March 13, 2017** for stakeholders to provide feedback on the SDT's approach and draft language for each issue. To minimize the number of posted documents, the SDT included everything in a single document for each issue with the suggested approach and draft language preceding the questions.

### Commenting

Use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties using the electronic form, contact [Wendy Muller](#).

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- *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

The drafting team will review all responses received during the informal comment period and determine the next steps of the project.

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

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Al McMeekin](#) (via email) or at (404) 446-9675.

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