Standards Announcement
2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards
Transmission Owner Control Center Performing Transmission Operator Obligations and Virtualization

Informal Comment Periods Open through April 11, 2017

Now Available

The Project 2016-02 Standard Drafting Team (SDT) is requesting stakeholder input on two issues it is addressing from the Version 5 Transition Advisory Group (V5TAG): (1) the applicability of the CIP Reliability Standards to BES Cyber Systems for a Transmission Owner Control Center performing the functional obligations of a Transmission Operator; and, (2) the use of virtualization in the CIP environment. Two concurrent 29-day informal comment periods are open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, April 11, 2017, for stakeholders to provide feedback on the SDT’s approach and draft language for each issue.

Commenting
Use the electronic form to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties using the electronic form, contact Wendy Muller. Unofficial Word versions of the comment forms are posted on the project page.

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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 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 regarding TOCC, contact Senior Standards Developer, Al McMeekin (via email) or at (404) 446-9675. For additional assistance regarding Virtualization, contact Standards Developer, Mat Bunch (via email) or at (404) 446-9785.

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