

## Standards Announcement

### Recirculation Ballots Open

April 20 – 30, 2012

Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-X for WECC

Project 2010-INT-05 Interpretation of CIP-002-X for Duke

Recirculation ballot periods are now open through **8 p.m. Eastern on April 30, 2012**

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Recirculation ballots for the interpretation of CIP-004-X - Cyber Security – Personnel and Training for WECC and CIP-002-X - Cyber Security – Critical Cyber Asset Identification for Duke are being conducted through **8 p.m. Eastern on April 30, 2012**.

The CIP-004-X Interpretation Drafting Team did not make any changes to the interpretation following the posting that ended on March 23, 2012.

The CIP-002-X Interpretation Drafting Team made a minor clarifying change in the Question 2 response by replacing the phrase, “without which” with the phrase “without the Cyber Asset” in the parenthetical as shown below:

- A Cyber Asset that “may” be used, but is not “required” (i.e., ~~without which~~ a Critical Asset cannot function as intended [without the Cyber Asset](#)) for the operation of a Critical Asset is not “essential to the operation of the Critical Asset” for purposes of Requirement R3.

A clean version of the interpretation for CIP-004-X has been posted on the project [webpage](#) and a clean and redline version of the interpretation for CIP-002-X has been posted on the project [webpage](#).

### Instructions

In the recirculation ballot, votes are counted by exception. Only members of the ballot pool may cast a ballot; all ballot pool members may change their votes. A ballot pool member who failed to cast a ballot during the last ballot window may cast a ballot in the recirculation ballot window. If a ballot pool member does not participate in the recirculation ballot, that member’s last vote cast in the previous ballot will be carried over.

## Next Steps

Voting results will be posted and announced after the ballot window closes. If approved, the interpretation(s) will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

## Background

In May 2011, the Standards Committee appointed a standing CIP Interpretation Drafting Team and assigned the further development of all outstanding CIP Interpretations, including the two referenced in this announcement, to that team. Initial drafts of each of the two CIP Interpretations were developed by a drafting team consisting of a different group of members of the CIP Interpretation Drafting Team. Each team has reviewed all comments submitted in the previous posting of its interpretation, along with FERC orders issued since the previous posting, and responded to comments consistent with guidance adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees and the Standards Committee.

Information about the CIP Interpretation Drafting Team is available on the team's [webpage](#), which contains links to each of the interpretations that the team is working on including the two being balloted now.

## Standards Development Process

The [Standard Processes Manual](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development and interpretation processes. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net).

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