

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2020-04 Modifications to CIP-012

**Formal Comment Period Open through November 2, 2023**

### [Now Available](#)

A 45-day formal comment period for **Project 2020-04 Modifications to CIP-012**, is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, November 2, 2023** for the following standard and implementation plan:

- CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers
- Implementation Plan

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

### **Reminder Regarding Corporate RBB Memberships**

Under the NERC Rules of Procedure, each entity and its affiliates is collectively permitted one voting membership per Registered Ballot Body Segment. Each entity that undergoes a change in corporate structure (such as a merger or acquisition) that results in the entity or affiliated entities having more than the one permitted representative in a particular Segment must withdraw the duplicate membership(s) prior to joining new ballot pools or voting on anything as part of an existing ballot pool. Contact [ballotadmin@nerc.net](mailto:ballotadmin@nerc.net) to assist with the removal of any duplicate registrations.

### **Commenting**

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

- *Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.*
- *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**

Additional ballots for the standard and implementation plan, as well as non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, will be conducted **October 24 – November 2, 2023**.

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

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Ben Wu](#) (via email) or at 470-542-6882. [Subscribe to this project's observer mailing list](#) by selecting "NERC Email Distribution Lists" from the "Service" drop-down menu and specify "Project 2020-04 Modifications to CIP-012 Observer List" in the Description Box.

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