

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2020-04 Modifications to CIP-012

**Formal Comment Period Open through June 9, 2021**  
**Ballot Pools Forming through May 25, 2021**

### [Now Available](#)

A 45-day formal comment period for **Project 2020-04 Modifications to CIP-012**, is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, June 9, 2021**.

### **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](#).

### **Ballot Pools**

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, May 25, 2021**. Registered Ballot Body members can join the ballot pools [here](#).

- *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**

Initial ballots for the Standard and Implementation Plan, along with non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, will be conducted **May 31 - June 9, 2021**.

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

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Alison Oswald](#) (via email) or at 404-446-9668. [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" in the Description Box.

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