

# Standards Announcement

## Project 2014-04 Physical Security CIP-014-1

**Formal Comment Period Now Open through April 24, 2014**  
**Ballot Pools Forming Now through April 19, 2014**

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In an order issued March 7, 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission directed NERC to file a physical security standard within 90 days of the order (*i.e.*, by June 5, 2014). On March 21, 2014, the NERC Standards Committee (SC) authorized a waiver of the standard development process, in accordance with Section 16 of the Standard Processes Manual, to meet this pending regulatory deadline. The SC approved to shorten this comment period from 45 days to 15 calendar days, with a concurrent ballot conducted during the last 5 days of the comment period. The waiver also provided for ballot pool formation to begin immediately upon approval of the waiver, with closure of the ballot pool 10 days after the initial formal comment and ballot period begins. (Sections 4.7-4.9)

### [Now Available](#)

A 15-day formal comment period for **CIP-014-1 – Physical Security** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, April 24, 2014.**

If you have questions please contact [Stephen Crutchfield](#) via email or by telephone at (609) 651-9455.

Background information for this project can be found on the [project page](#). Please refer to the 1-page [Project Overview](#) to learn more about the Physical Security standard and project at a glance.

### **Instructions for Commenting**

Please use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments on the standard. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact [Wendy Muller](#). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

### Instructions for Joining Ballot Pool

Ballot pools are being formed for Project 2014-04 – Physical Security and the associated non-binding poll on this project. Registered Ballot Body members must join the ballot pools to be eligible to vote in the balloting and submittal of an opinion for the non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs). Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pools at the following page: [Join Ballot Pool](#)

During the pre-ballot window, members of the ballot pool may communicate with one another by using their “ballot pool list server.” (Once the balloting begins, ballot pool members are prohibited from using the ballot pool list servers.) The list servers for this project are:

**Initial Ballot:** [bp-2014-04 CIP-014-1 in@nerc.com](#)

**Non-Binding poll:** [bp-2014-04 CIP-014-1 NB in@nerc.com](#)

### Next Steps

An initial ballot for the standard and non-binding poll of the associated VRFs and VSLs will be conducted **April 20-24, 2014**.

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

*For more information or assistance, please contact [Wendy Muller](#),  
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