

## **Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards**

### **Action**

Approve the following waiver of provisions of the Standard Processes Manual (SPM) for Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards:

- Additional formal comment and ballot period(s) reduced from 45 days to as few as 20 calendar days with ballot(s) conducted during the last 5 days of the comment period. (Sections 4.9 and 4.12)
- Final ballot period reduced from 10 days to as few as 5 calendar days. (Section 4.9)

### **Background**

Section 16.0 of the SPM allows the Standards Committee to waive any provision in the SPM for good cause, including for the following reason:

*Where the Standards Committee determines that a modification to a proposed Reliability Standard or its Requirement(s), a modification to a defined term, a modification to an Interpretation, or a modification to a Variance has already been vetted by the industry through the standards development process or is so insubstantial that developing the modification through the processes contained in this manual will add significant time delay.*

NERC Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards has completed four ballots to date. Each ballot consisted of CIP-002 through CIP-011 and CIP-013 Reliability Standards, the associated definitions for inclusion in the *NERC Glossary of Terms used in Reliability Standards*, and the associated Implementation Plan. Prior to these formal comment periods, the Standard Drafting Team (SDT) conducted significant informal outreach since the inception of the project to gather industry feedback.

Given the stage of development and the content of the comments, the SDT anticipates only making targeted revisions based on comments received over the course of these comment periods. As such, the future proposed changes will have received significant vetting through the comment periods and informal outreach by the team and the waivers will permit the SDT and industry to complete this project without further delay.

As background, the initial comment period and ballot was conducted January 22 – March 22, 2021, which failed to achieve the necessary consensus for approval. The second comment period and ballot was conducted from June 30 – September 1, 2021, which similarly failed to achieve the necessary consensus for approval. The third comment period and ballot was conducted from February 18 – April 12, 2022, in which CIP-002, CIP-003, CIP-004, CIP-006, CIP-008, CIP-009, CIP-011, and CIP-013 passed ballot and CIP-005, CIP-007, and CIP-010 failed ballot. The fourth comment period and ballot was conducted from August 17 – October 7, 2022, in which CIP-002, CIP-003, CIP-004, CIP-006, CIP-007, CIP-008, CIP-009, CIP-011, and CIP-013 passed ballot and CIP-005 and CIP-010 failed ballot.