



NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

Standards Announcement

Ballot Pool and Pre-ballot Window

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Now available at: <https://standards.nerc.net/BallotPool.aspx>

Project 2009-21: Cyber Security Ninety-day Response

Proposed critical infrastructure protection (CIP) Reliability Standards CIP-002-3 through CIP-009-3 are posted for a pre-ballot review. A general implementation plan for these standards and a supplemental *Implementation Plan for Newly Identified Critical Cyber Assets and Newly Registered Entities* are also posted. Registered Ballot Body members may join the ballot pool to be eligible to vote on this interpretation **until 8 a.m. EDT on November 20, 2009**.

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 server for this ballot pool is: [bp-2009-21_CS-90 in](#).

Special Notes for this Pre-ballot Window

Due to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) directive to develop and file modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards within 90 days of its [September 30, 2009 order](#), the Standards Committee authorized deviations from the standards development process. This pre-ballot review will overlap the comment period that is already underway and will be followed by the initial ballot for the standards and implementation plans. Prior to the initial ballot, the drafting team will draft and post responses to comments received.

Project Background

The purpose of this project is to modify certain CIP Reliability Standards in response to the directives issued in the FERC [September 30, 2009 order](#) approving version 2 of the CIP standards. The revised standards include associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs).

Applicability of Standards in Project

Reliability Coordinator
Balancing Authority
Interchange Authority
Transmission Service Provider
Transmission Owner
Transmission Operator
Generator Owner
Generator Operator
Load-Serving Entity
NERC
Regional Entity

Standards Development Process

The [Reliability Standards Development Procedure](#) contains all the procedures governing the standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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