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Project 2020-04 Modifications to CIP-012

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Additional information is available on the [project page](https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project202004ModificationstoCIP-012.aspx). If you have questions, contact Senior Standards Developer, Latrice Harkness (via email), or at 404-446-9728.

## Background Information

The purpose of this project is to address a directive issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Order No. 866 to develop modifications to the CIP Reliability Standards to require protections regarding the availability of communication links and data communicated between the bulk electric system Control Centers.

In Order No. 866, FERC stated that “maintaining the availability of communication networks and data

should include provisions for incident recovery and continuity of operations in a responsible entity’s

compliance plan.” FERC recognized that the redundancy of communication links cannot always be

guaranteed, and acknowledged there should be plans for both recovery of compromised

communication links and use of backup communication capability. The proposed scope of this project would entail modifications to CIP-012 – Communications between Control Centers

## Questions

1. Do you agree with the proposed scope as described in the SAR? If you do not agree, or if you agree but have comments or suggestions for the project scope please provide your recommendation and explanation.

[ ]  Yes

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Comments:

1. Provide any additional comments for the SAR drafting team to consider, if desired.

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