

Standards Announcement

Project 2023-03 Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM)

Formal Comment Period Open through March 18, 2024

Now Available

A 20-day formal comment period for **Project 2023-03 Internal Network Security** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, March 18, 2024** for the following standard and implementation plan:

- CIP-015-1 – Internal Network Security Monitoring
- Implementation Plan

Following the January 2024 initial ballot and comments received, the DT decided to create a new CIP Reliability Standard. The new CIP Reliability Standard will be reflected in NERC's system as an initial ballot, as it is the first ballot for Reliability Standard CIP-015. Although NERC's system will reflect the posting as an *initial ballot*, this posting is an **additional ballot** for Project 2023-03. The existing CIP-007-X ballot pool is being used for all of the ballots associated with this project.

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](#).

Reminder Regarding Corporate RBB Memberships

Under the NERC Rules of Procedure, each entity and its affiliates is collectively permitted one voting membership per Registered Ballot Body Segment. Each entity that undergoes a change in corporate structure (such as a merger or acquisition) that results in the entity or affiliated entities having more than the one permitted representative in a particular Segment must withdraw the duplicate membership(s) prior to joining new ballot pools or voting on anything as part of an existing ballot pool. Contact ballotadmin@nerc.net to assist with the removal of any duplicate registrations.

Ballot Pools

The existing CIP-007-X ballot pool is being used for all of the ballots associated with this project.

- *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, as well as a non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **March 12-18, 2024**.

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

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Laura Anderson](#) (via email) or at 404-782-1870. [Subscribe to this project's observer mailing list](#) by selecting "NERC Email Distribution Lists" from the "Service" drop-down menu and specify "Project 2023-03 Internal Network Security Monitoring observer list" in the Description Box.



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