

Standards Announcement

Project 2021-03 CIP-002

Formal Comment Period Open through November 9, 2023
Ballot Pools Forming through October 25, 2023

[Now Available](#)

A formal comment period for **CIP-002-Y — Cyber Security — BES Cyber System Categorization**, is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, November 9, 2023**.

There are currently two drafting teams working on modifications to CIP-002-5.1a. The Project 2021-03 standard drafting team (SDT) is posting modifications as CIP-002-Y to differentiate its work from Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards (CIP-002-7).

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

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, October 25, 2023**. Registered Ballot Body members can join the ballot pools [here](#).

- 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 October 31 – November 9, 2023.

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

For more information or assistance, contact [Dominique Love](#) (via email) or at (404) 217-7578. [Subscribe to this project's observer mailing list](#) by selecting "NERC Email Distribution Lists" from the "Service" drop-down menu and specify "Project 2021-03 CIP-002" in the Description Box.

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