

Standards Announcement

2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards Transmission Owner Control Center Performing Transmission Operator Obligations and Virtualization

Informal Comment Periods Open through April 11, 2017

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The Project 2016-02 Standard Drafting Team (SDT) is requesting stakeholder input on two issues it is addressing from the Version 5 Transition Advisory Group (V5TAG): (1) the applicability of the CIP Reliability Standards to BES Cyber Systems for a Transmission Owner Control Center performing the functional obligations of a Transmission Operator; and, (2) the use of virtualization in the CIP environment. Two concurrent 29-day informal comment periods are open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, April 11, 2017**, for stakeholders to provide feedback on the SDT's approach and draft language for each issue.

Commenting

Use the [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties using the electronic form, contact [Wendy Muller](#). Unofficial Word versions of the comment forms are posted on the [project page](#).

If you are having difficulty accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out, contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern).

- *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

The drafting team will review all responses received and determine the next steps of the project.

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

For more information or assistance regarding TOCC, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Al McMeekin](#) (via email) or at (404) 446-9675. For additional assistance regarding Virtualization, contact Standards Developer, [Mat Bunch](#) (via email) or at (404) 446-9785.

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