

Standards Announcement

Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-x for WECC

Project 2010-INT-05 Interpretation of CIP-002-x for Duke

Two Ballot Pool Windows Now Open through 8 a.m. Eastern on March 8, 2012 Two Formal Comment Periods Open through Friday 8 p.m. March 23, 2012 Two Ballot Windows (One Initial and One Successive) Open March 14 – 23, 2012

Now Available Here:

<u>Project 2010-INT-05 CIP-002-x Interpretation of CIP-002-x for Duke</u> <u>Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-x for WECC</u>

The CIP Interpretation Drafting team has posted two CIP Interpretations for formal comment periods through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 23, 2012. Ballot pools are being formed for each interpretation through 8 a.m. Eastern on Thursday, March 8 (please note that ballot pools close at 8 a.m. on the day they close). Ballots of each interpretation will be conducted during the last ten days of the comment period, from Wednesday, March 14 through Friday, March 23, 2012, closing at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Instructions for Joining Ballot Pools

Separate ballot pools are being formed for each interpretation. Although a ballot pool was previously formed for Project 2009-26, the Standards Committee has authorized forming a new ballot pool to ensure that current Registered Ballot Body members have an opportunity to participate.

To join the ballot pools to be eligible to vote in the upcoming ballots of each interpretation, go to: <u>Join</u> Ballot Pool

During the pre-ballot windows, members of each 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.) One ballot pool list server has been set up and can be used for communication on each of the interpretations.

The list servers for each interpretation project are:

Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-x for WECC: bp-2009-26 CIP-004-1 SB in@nerc.com

Project 2010-INT-05 Interpretation of CIP-002-x for Duke Energy bp-2010-INT-05 CIP-002 in@nerc.com



Instructions for Commenting

A formal comment period is open for each interpretation through **8 p.m.** Eastern on Friday, March **23**, **2012**. Each interpretation has a separate comment form. Please use the links below to submit comments using the electronic comment form for each interpretation. Off-line, unofficial copies of the comment forms are posted on the project pages.

Project 2010-INT-05 Interpretation of CIP-002-x for Duke	Electronic comment form	Project page
Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-x for WECC	Electronic comment form	<u>Project page</u>

If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic forms, please contact Monica Benson at monica.benson@nerc.net.

Next Steps

A successive ballot window will be open for the interpretation in Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-x for WECC from Wednesday, March 14 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 23, 2012.

An initial ballot window will be open for the interpretation in Project 2010-INT-05 Interpretation of CIP-002-x for Duke from Wednesday, March 14 through 8 p.m. Eastern on Friday, March 23, 2012.

Background

In May 2011, the Standards Committee appointed a standing CIP Interpretation Drafting Team and assigned the further development of all outstanding CIP Interpretations, including the two referenced in this announcement, to that team. Initial drafts of each of the two CIP interpretations were developed by a different drafting team. The CIP Interpretation Drafting Team has reviewed all comments submitted in the previous postings of each interpretation, along with FERC orders issued since the previous posting, and has revised the interpretations in response to comments and consistent with guidance adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees and Standards Committee.

Additional information about each project is available on the individual project pages:

<u>Project 2010-INT-05 Interpretation of CIP-002-x for Duke</u> Project 2009-26 Interpretation of CIP-004-x for WECC

Standards Development Process

The <u>Standard Processes Manual</u> 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. For more information or assistance, please contact Monica Benson at <u>monica.benson@nerc.net</u>.



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