

Standard Development Timeline

This section is maintained by the drafting team during the development of the standard and will be removed when the standard is adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees (Board).

Description of Current Draft

CIP-014-4 is posted for a 45-day formal comment period with additional ballot.

Completed Actions	Date
Standards Committee approved Standard Authorization Request (SAR) for posting	June 21, 2023
SAR posted for comment	July 26, 2023 – August 24, 2023
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Anticipated Actions	Date
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Board adoption	February 11, 2026

New or Modified Term(s) Used in NERC Reliability Standards

This section includes all new or modified terms used in the proposed standard that will be included in the *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards* upon applicable regulatory approval. Terms used in the proposed standard that are already defined and are not being modified can be found in the *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards*. The new or revised terms listed below will be presented for approval along with the proposed standard. Upon Board adoption, this section will be removed.

Term(s):

None.

A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Physical Security
2. **Number:** CIP-014-4
3. **Purpose:** To identify and protect Transmission stations and Transmission substations, and their associated primary control centers, that if rendered inoperable or damaged due to a physical attack, could cause instability, uncontrolled separation, or Cascading within an Interconnection.
4. **Applicability:**
 - 4.1. **Functional Entities:**
 - 4.1.1. Transmission Owner that owns or jointly owns one or more Transmission stations or Transmission substations that meet the applicability criteria of Attachment 1.
 - 4.1.2. Transmission Operator

Exemption: Facilities in a “protected area,” as defined in 10 C.F.R. § 73.2, within the scope of a security plan approved or accepted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) are not subject to this Standard; or Facilities within the scope of a security plan approved or accepted by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission are not subject to this Reliability Standard.
5. **Effective Date:** See Implementation Plan for CIP-014-4.

B. Requirements and Measures

- R1.** Each Transmission Owner, at least once every 36 calendar months, shall identify each applicable Transmission station and Transmission substation meeting any of the criteria in Attachment 1 that is either existing or planned to be in service within 36 calendar months. *[Violation Risk Factor: High; Time-Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M1.** Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated written or electronic documentation of the Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) (existing and those planned to be in service within 36 calendar months) that meet any of the criteria in Attachment 1.
- R2.** Each Transmission Owner shall identify proximate Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s), irrespective of ownership, within 1500 feet or 457 meters (the shortest distance, measured substation fence line to substation fence line) of an applicable Transmission station or Transmission substation identified in Requirement R1. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium; Time-Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- M2.** Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated written or electronic documentation of the Transmission stations or Transmission substations determined in Requirement R2.
- R3.** Each Transmission Owner shall have a documented risk assessment methodology for evaluating the loss of each applicable Transmission station or Transmission substation identified in Requirement R1. The methodology shall include, at a minimum, the following: *[Violation Risk Factor: High; Time-Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 3.1.** Documented criteria for assessing instability, uncontrolled separation, or Cascading within an Interconnection. The criteria shall include, at a minimum, thresholds identifying unacceptable generation and load loss within an Interconnection.
- 3.2.** A provision that steady-state and dynamic simulations shall each be performed using a System peak Load case and a System Off-Peak Load case.
- 3.3.** A specification for Fault simulations, including:
- For each applicable Transmission station or Transmission substation listed in accordance with Requirement R1, a Fault at the applicable Transmission station or Transmission substation.
 - For each Transmission station or Transmission substation determined in accordance with Requirement R2 as being in proximity to an applicable Transmission station or Transmission substation, Faults at both the applicable and proximate Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s).
- 3.4.** A specification that Fault simulations assume the loss of communication and Protection Systems at the applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission

substation(s) prior to or simultaneous with the Fault(s) studied under Requirement R3, Parts 3.3.1 and 3.3.2.

- Removal of all Elements that Protection Systems and other controls are expected to automatically disconnect for each event.
- Delayed (remote) clearing times shall be used unless otherwise technically substantiated.
- Actual or more conservative clearing times shall be used unless otherwise technically substantiated.

- M3.** Each Transmission Owner shall provide dated evidence, such as electronic or hard copies, of a risk assessment methodology satisfying Requirement R3.
- R4.** Each Transmission Owner with applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) identified in Requirement R1 containing Bulk Electric System (BES) Elements owned by multiple Transmission Owners shall coordinate with each appropriate Transmission Owner(s) to determine and document their individual and joint responsibilities for documenting a risk assessment methodology under Requirement R3 and for performing any required risk assessments per Requirement R5. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium; Time-Horizon: Operations Planning, Long-term Planning]*
- M4.** Examples of acceptable evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated documentation, such as meeting minutes, agreements, and email correspondence, that identifies that agreement has been reached on individual and joint responsibilities for performing the required risk assessments.
- R5.** At least once every 36 calendar months, each Transmission Owner shall perform a risk assessment to identify applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) identified in Requirement R1, that if rendered inoperable or damaged could result in instability, uncontrolled separation, or Cascading within an Interconnection, using the methodology established in Requirement R3, including any Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) identified in accordance with Requirement R4. If proximate Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) were identified in Requirement R2, they should also be included in the risk assessment. *[Violation Risk Factor: High; Time-Horizon: Operations Planning, Long-term Planning]*
- 5.1.** During the current risk assessment, a Transmission station or Transmission substation identified in either the dynamic or steady-state simulation as causing instability, uncontrolled separation, or Cascading within an Interconnection when rendered inoperable or damaged requires no further simulation.
- 5.2.** If a previous risk assessment has identified a Transmission station or Transmission substation as causing instability, uncontrolled separation, or

Cascading within an Interconnection when rendered inoperable or damaged, then the Transmission Owner may forgo additional assessments on that Transmission station or Transmission substation. Requirement R5, Part 5.3 and Requirement R7 through Requirement R10 still apply to that Transmission station or Transmission substation until a new risk assessment demonstrates otherwise.

- 5.3.** The Transmission Owner shall identify the primary control center that operationally controls each Transmission station or Transmission substation identified as causing instability, uncontrolled separation, or Cascading within an Interconnection when rendered inoperable or damaged in the Requirement R5 risk assessment.
- M5.** Examples of acceptable evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated written or electronic documentation of the risk assessment satisfying Requirement R5 including the identified Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s). For Requirement R5, Part 5.3, examples of acceptable evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated written or electronic documentation of the identification of the primary control center that operationally controls each identified Transmission station or Transmission substation.
- R6.** Each Transmission Owner shall have an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5. The verification may occur concurrently with or after the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5.
[Violation Risk Factor: Medium; Time-Horizon: Long-term Planning]
- 6.1.** Each Transmission Owner shall select an unaffiliated verifying entity that is either:
- A registered Planning Coordinator, Transmission Planner, or Reliability Coordinator; or
 - An entity that has transmission planning or analysis experience.
- 6.2.** The unaffiliated third-party verification shall verify the Transmission Owner's risk assessment performed under Requirement R5, which may include recommendations for the addition or deletion of a Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s). The Transmission Owner shall ensure the verification is completed within 90 calendar days following the completion of the Requirement R5 risk assessment.
- 6.3.** If the unaffiliated verifying entity recommends that the Transmission Owner add a Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) to, or remove a Transmission station or Transmission substation from, its identification under Requirement R5, the Transmission Owner shall either, within 60 calendar days of completion of the verification, for each recommended addition or removal of a Transmission station or Transmission substation:

- Modify its identification under Requirement R5 consistent with the recommendation; or
 - Document the technical basis for not modifying the identification in accordance with the recommendation.
- 6.4.** Each Transmission Owner shall implement procedures, such as the use of non-disclosure agreements, for protecting sensitive or confidential information made available to the unaffiliated third-party verifier and to protect or exempt sensitive or confidential information developed pursuant to this Reliability Standard from public disclosure.
- M6.** Examples of acceptable evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated written or electronic documentation that the Transmission Owner completed an unaffiliated third party verification of the Requirement R5 risk assessment and satisfied all of the applicable provisions of Requirement R6, including, if applicable, documenting the technical basis for not modifying the identification in Requirements R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5 as specified under Part 6.3. Additionally, examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, written or electronic documentation of procedures to protect information under Part 6.4.
- R7.** For a primary control center(s) identified by the Transmission Owner according to Requirement R5, Part 5.2 that a) operationally controls an identified Transmission station or Transmission substation verified according to Requirement R6, and b) is not under the operational control of the Transmission Owner: the Transmission Owner shall, within seven calendar days following completion of Requirement R6, notify the Transmission Operator that has operational control of the primary control center of such identification and the date of completion of Requirement R6. *[Violation Risk Factor: Lower; Time-Horizon: Long-term Planning]*
- 7.1.** If a Transmission station or Transmission substation previously identified under Requirements R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5 and verified according to Requirement R6 is removed from the identification during a subsequent risk assessment performed according to Requirement R5 or a verification according to Requirement R6, then the Transmission Owner shall, within seven calendar days following the verification or the subsequent risk assessment, notify the Transmission Operator that has operational control of the primary control center of the removal.
- M7.** Examples of acceptable evidence may include, but are not limited to, written or electronic notifications or communications that the Transmission Owner notified each Transmission Operator, as applicable, according to Requirement R7.
- R8.** Each Transmission Owner that identified a Transmission station, Transmission substation, or a primary control center in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6, and each Transmission Operator notified by a Transmission Owner according to Requirement R7, shall conduct an evaluation of the potential threats and vulnerabilities of a physical attack to each of their respective Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement

R5 and verified according to Requirement R6. The evaluation shall consider the following: [*Violation Risk Factor: Medium; Time-Horizon: Operations Planning, Long-term Planning*]

- 8.1.** Unique characteristics of the identified and verified Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s);
 - 8.2.** Prior history of attack(s) on similar facilities taking into account the frequency, geographic proximity, and severity of past physical security related events; and
 - 8.3.** Intelligence or threat warnings received from sources such as law enforcement, the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO), the Electricity Sector Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC), U.S. federal and/or Canadian governmental agencies, or their successors.
- M8.** Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated written or electronic documentation that the Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator conducted an evaluation of the potential threats and vulnerabilities of a physical attack to their respective Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) as specified in Requirement R8.
- R9.** Each Transmission Owner that identified a Transmission station, Transmission substation, or primary control center in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6, and each Transmission Operator notified by a Transmission Owner according to Requirement R7, shall develop and implement a documented physical security plan(s) that covers their respective Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s). The physical security plan(s) shall be developed within 120 calendar days following the completion of Requirement R6 and executed according to the timeline specified in the physical security plan(s). The physical security plan(s) shall include the following attributes: [*Violation Risk Factor: High; Time-Horizon: Long-term Planning*]
 - 9.1.** Resiliency or security measures designed collectively to deter, detect, delay, assess, communicate, and respond to potential physical threats and vulnerabilities identified during the evaluation conducted in Requirement R8.
 - 9.2.** Law enforcement contact and coordination information.
 - 9.3.** A timeline for executing the physical security enhancements and modifications specified in the physical security plan.
 - 9.4.** Provisions to evaluate evolving physical threats, and their corresponding security measures, to the Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), or primary control center(s).
- M9.** Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, dated written or electronic documentation of its physical security plan(s) that covers their respective identified and verified Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) as specified in Requirement R6, and additional evidence demonstrating

execution of the physical security plan according to the timeline specified in the physical security plan.

R10. Each Transmission Owner that identified a Transmission station, Transmission substation, or primary control center in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6, and each Transmission Operator notified by a Transmission Owner according to Requirement R7, shall have an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9. The review may occur concurrently with or after completion of the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan development under Requirement R9. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium; Time-Horizon: Long-term Planning]*

10.1. Each Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator shall select an unaffiliated third-party reviewer from the following:

- An entity or organization with electric industry physical security experience and whose review staff has at least one member who holds either a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) or Physical Security Professional (PSP) certification;
- An entity or organization approved by the ERO;
- A governmental agency with physical security expertise; or
- An entity or organization with demonstrated law enforcement, government, or military physical security expertise.

10.2. The Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator, respectively, shall ensure that the unaffiliated third-party review is completed within 90 calendar days of completing the security plan(s) developed in Requirement R9. The unaffiliated third-party review may, but is not required to, include recommended changes to the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 or the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9.

10.3. If the unaffiliated third-party reviewer recommends changes to the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 or security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9, the Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator shall, within 60 calendar days of the completion of the unaffiliated third party review, for each recommendation:

- Modify its evaluation or security plan(s) consistent with the recommendation; or
- Document the reason(s) for not modifying the evaluation or security plan(s) consistent with the recommendation.

10.4. Each Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator shall implement procedures, such as the use of non-disclosure agreements, for protecting sensitive or confidential information made available to the unaffiliated third-party reviewer and to protect or exempt sensitive or confidential information developed pursuant to this Reliability Standard from public disclosure.

M10. Examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, written or electronic documentation that the Transmission Owner or Transmission Operator had an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9 as specified in Requirement R10 including, if applicable, documenting the reasons for not modifying the evaluation or security plan(s) in accordance with a recommendation under Part 10.3. Additionally, examples of evidence may include, but are not limited to, written or electronic documentation of procedures to protect information under Part 10.4.

C. Compliance

1. Compliance Monitoring Process

- 1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority:** “Compliance Enforcement Authority” (CEA) means NERC or the Regional Entity in their respective roles of monitoring and enforcing compliance with the NERC Reliability Standards.
- 1.2. Evidence Retention:** The following evidence retention period(s) identify the period of time an entity is required to retain specific evidence to demonstrate compliance. For instances where the evidence retention period specified below is shorter than the time since the last audit, the CEA may ask an entity to provide other evidence to show that it was compliant for the full-time period since the last audit.

The Transmission Owner and Transmission Operator shall keep data or evidence to show compliance, as identified below, unless directed by its CEA to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation:

The responsible entities shall retain evidence, as per Requirements R1 through R10, for three years.

If a Responsible Entity is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until mitigation is complete and approved, or for the time specified above, whichever is longer.

The CEA shall keep the last audit records and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

- 1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program:** “Compliance Monitoring Enforcement Program” or “CMEP” means, depending on the context (1) the NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (Appendix 4C to the NERC Rules of Procedure) or the Commission-approved program of a Regional Entity, as applicable, or (2) the program, department or organization within NERC or a Regional Entity that is responsible for performing compliance monitoring and enforcement activities with respect to Registered Entities’ compliance with Reliability Standards.

Violation Severity Levels

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	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	<p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1, but did so after 36 calendar months, but less than or equal to 38 calendar months.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s), but failed to identify less than or equal to 10% of the applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1.</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1, but did so after 38 calendar months, but less than or equal to 40 calendar months.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s), but failed to identify more than 10% and less than or equal to 20% of the applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1.</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1, but did so after 40 calendar months, but less than or equal to 42 calendar months.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s), but failed to identify more than 20% and less than or equal to 30% of the applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1.</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner failed to identify each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1, but did so after more than 42 calendar months.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner identified each applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s), but failed to identify more than 30% of the applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) per Attachment 1.</p>

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R2.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Transmission Owner did not identify proximate Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s), irrespective of ownership, within 1500 feet or 457 meters (the shortest distance, measured substation fence line to substation fence line) of an applicable Transmission station or Transmission substation identified in Requirement R1.
R3.	The Transmission Owner has a risk assessment methodology that failed to include one of the requirements listed in Parts 3.1 through 3.4.	The Transmission Owner has a risk assessment methodology that failed to include two of the requirements listed in Parts 3.1 through 3.4.	The Transmission Owner has a risk assessment methodology that failed to include three of the requirements listed in Parts 3.1 through 3.4.	The Transmission Owner has a risk assessment methodology that failed to include four of the requirements listed in Parts 3.1 through 3.4. OR The Transmission Owner does not have a risk assessment methodology.

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R4.	The Transmission Owner with applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) identified in Requirement R1 containing Bulk Electric System (BES) Elements owned by multiple Transmission Owners failed to coordinate with each appropriate Transmission Owner(s) to determine and document their individual and joint responsibilities for documenting a risk assessment methodology under Requirement R3 and for performing any required risk assessments per Requirement R5 for less than or equal to 25% of jointly owned applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s).	The Transmission Owner with applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) identified in Requirement R1 containing Bulk Electric System (BES) Elements owned by multiple Transmission Owners failed to coordinate with each appropriate Transmission Owner(s) to determine and document their individual and joint responsibilities for documenting a risk assessment methodology under Requirement R3 and for performing any required risk assessments per Requirement R5 for more than 25% and less than or equal to 50% of jointly owned applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s).	The Transmission Owner with applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) identified in Requirement R1 containing Bulk Electric System (BES) Elements owned by multiple Transmission Owners failed to coordinate with each appropriate Transmission Owner(s) to determine and document their individual and joint responsibilities for documenting a risk assessment methodology under Requirement R3 and for performing any required risk assessments per Requirement R5 for more than 50% and less than or equal to 75% of jointly owned applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s).	The Transmission Owner with applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s) identified in Requirement R1 containing Bulk Electric System (BES) Elements owned by multiple Transmission Owners failed to coordinate with each appropriate Transmission Owner(s) to determine and document their individual and joint responsibilities for documenting a risk assessment methodology under Requirement R3 and for performing any required risk assessments per Requirement R5 for more than 75% and less than or equal to 100% any evidence of jointly owned applicable Transmission station(s) and Transmission substation(s).
R5.	The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment, but did so after 36 calendar months, but less than or equal to 38 calendar months.	The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment, but did so after 38 calendar months, but less than or equal to 40 calendar months.	The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment, but did so after 40 calendar months, but less than or equal to 42 calendar months.	The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment, but did so after more than 42 calendar months.

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	<p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment inconsistent with one of the methodology requirements listed in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1 through 3.4.</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment inconsistent with two of the methodology requirements listed in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1 through 3.4.</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment inconsistent with three of the methodology requirements listed in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1 through 3.4.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment but failed to include the primary control center identified in Part 5.2.</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner performed a risk assessment inconsistent with four of the methodology requirements listed in Requirement R3, Parts 3.1 through 3.4.</p>
R6.	<p>The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5, but did so in more than 90 calendar days, but less than or equal to 100 calendar days following completion of Requirement R5.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5, but did so more than 100 calendar days, but less than or equal to 110 calendar days following completion of Requirement R5.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5 and modified or documented the</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5, but did so more than 110 calendar days, but less than or equal to 120 calendar days following completion of Requirement R5.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement</p>	<p>The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5, but did so more than 120 calendar days following completion of Requirement R5.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner failed to have an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5.</p>

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	R5 and modified or documented the technical basis for not modifying its identification under Requirement R5 as required by Part 6.3, but did so more than 60 calendar days and less than or equal to 70 calendar days from completion of the third party verification.	technical basis for not modifying its identification under Requirement R5 as required by Part 6.3, but did so more than 70 calendar days and less than or equal to 80 calendar days from completion of the third party verification.	R5 and modified or documented the technical basis for not modifying its identification under Requirement R5 as required by Part 6.3, but did so more than 80 calendar days from completion of the third party verification. OR The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5, but failed to modify or document the technical basis for not modifying its identification under R4 as required by Part 6.3.	OR The Transmission Owner had an unaffiliated third party verify the risk assessment performed under Requirement R5, but failed to implement procedures for protecting information per Part 6.4.
R7.	The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center as specified in Requirement R7, but did so more than seven calendar days and less than or equal to nine calendar days	The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center as specified in Requirement R7, but did so more than nine calendar days and less than or equal to 11 calendar days	The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center as specified in Requirement R7, but did so more than 11 calendar days and less than or equal to 13 calendar days	The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center as specified in Requirement R7, but did so more than 13 calendar days following the completion of Requirement R6.

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	<p>following the completion of Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center of the removal from the identification in Requirement R5, but did so more than seven calendar days and less than or equal to nine calendar days following the verification or the subsequent risk assessment.</p>	<p>following the completion of Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center of the removal from the identification in Requirement R5, but did so more than nine calendar days and less than or equal to 11 calendar days following the verification or the subsequent risk assessment.</p>	<p>following the completion of Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center of the removal from the identification in Requirement R5, but did so more than 11 calendar days and less than or equal to 13 calendar days following the verification or the subsequent risk assessment.</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner failed to notify the Transmission Operator that it operates a control center identified in Requirement R5.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner notified the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center of the removal from the identification in Requirement R5, but did so more than 13 calendar days following the verification or the subsequent risk assessment.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Transmission Owner failed to notify the Transmission Operator that operates the primary control center of the removal from the identification in Requirement R5.</p>

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R8.	N/A	The responsible entity conducted an evaluation of the potential physical threats and vulnerabilities to each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5, but failed to consider one of Parts 8.1 through 8.3 in the evaluation.	The responsible entity conducted an evaluation of the potential physical threats and vulnerabilities to each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5, but failed to consider two of Parts 8.1 through 8.3 in the evaluation.	<p>The responsible entity failed to conduct an evaluation of the potential physical threats and vulnerabilities to each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity conducted an evaluation of the potential physical threats and vulnerabilities to each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5, but failed to consider Parts 8.1 through 8.3.</p>

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R9.	<p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5, but did so more than 120 calendar days, but less than or equal to 130 calendar days after completing Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6, but failed to include one of Parts 9.1 through 9.4 in the plan.</p>	<p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5, but did so more than 130 calendar days, but less than or equal to 140 calendar days after completing Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6, but failed to include two of Parts 9.1 through 9.4 in the plan.</p>	<p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5, but did so more than 140 calendar days, but less than or equal to 150 calendar days after completing Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6, but failed to include three of Parts 9.1 through 9.4 in the plan.</p>	<p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers each of its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5, but did so more than 150 calendar days after completing the verification in Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity failed to develop and implement a documented physical security plan(s) that covers its Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity developed and implemented a documented physical security plan(s) that covers its</p>

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				Transmission station(s), Transmission substation(s), and primary control center(s) identified in Requirement R5 and verified according to Requirement R6, but failed to include Parts 9.1 through 9.4 in the plan.
R10.	<p>The responsible entity had an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9, but did so in more than 90 calendar days, but less than or equal to 100 calendar days.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity had an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9 and modified or documented the reason for not modifying the security plan(s) as specified in Part 10.3, but did so more than 70 calendar days and less than</p>	<p>The responsible entity had an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9, but did so in more than 100 calendar days, but less than or equal to 110 calendar days.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity had an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9 and modified or documented the reason for not modifying the security plan(s) as specified in Part 10.3, but did so more than 80 calendar days following</p>	<p>The responsible entity had an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9, but did so more than 110 calendar days, but less than or equal to 120 calendar days.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity failed to have an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The responsible entity had an unaffiliated third party review</p>	<p>The responsible entity failed to have an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9 in more than 120 calendar days.</p>

	Violation Severity Levels			
	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
	or equal to 80 calendar days following completion of the third party review.	completion of the third party review. OR The responsible entity had an unaffiliated third party review the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9, but did not document the reason for not modifying the security plan(s) as specified in Part 10.3.	the evaluation performed under Requirement R8 and the security plan(s) developed under Requirement R9, but failed to implement procedures for protecting information per Part 10.4.	

D. Regional Variances

None.

E. Interpretations

None.

F. Associated Documents

CIP-014-4 Implementation Plan

CIP-014-4 Technical Rationale Document

Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
1	October 1, 2015	Effective Date	New
2	April 16, 2015	Revised to meet FERC Order 802 directive to remove “widespread”.	Revision
2	May 7, 2015	Adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees	
2	July 14, 2015	FERC Letter Order in Docket No. RD15-4-000 approving CIP-014-2	
3	January 19, 2022	Revised to remove Compliance Section 1.4	Revision
3	June 16, 2022	FERC Letter Order in Docket No. RD22-3-000 approving Modifications to CIP-014-3	Revision
3	June 16, 2022	Effective Date	Revision
4	TBD	Revisions made by the Project 2023-06 drafting team	Revision

Attachment 1 – Applicability Criteria

Applicable Transmission station(s) or Transmission substation(s) are those that meet any of the following criteria:

1. Transmission Facilities operated at 500 kV or higher. For the purpose of this criterion, the collector bus for a generation plant is not considered a Transmission Facility, but is part of the generation interconnection Facility.
2. Transmission Facilities that are operating between 200 kV and 499 kV at a single station or substation, where the station or substation is connected at 200 kV or higher voltages to three or more other Transmission stations or substations and has an "aggregate weighted value" exceeding 3000 according to the table below. The "aggregate weighted value" for a single station or substation is determined by summing the "weight value per line" shown in the table below for each incoming and each outgoing BES Transmission Line that is connected to another Transmission station or substation. For the purpose of this criterion, the collector bus for a generation plant is not considered a Transmission Facility, but is part of the generation interconnection Facility.

Voltage Value of a Line	Weight Value per Line
less than 200 kV (not applicable)	(not applicable)
200 kV to 299 kV	700
300 kV to 499 kV	1300
500 kV and above	N/A

3. Transmission Facilities at a single station or substation location that are identified by its Reliability Coordinator, Planning Coordinator, or Transmission Planner as critical to the derivation of Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits (IROLs) and their associated contingencies.
4. Transmission Facilities identified as essential to meeting Nuclear Plant Interface Requirements (NPIRs).