

Standards Announcement

Project 2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003

Formal Comment Period Open through July 11, 2024

Now Available

A **30-day** formal comment period for **CIP-003-11 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls**, is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, July 11, 2024**.

The third draft of CIP-003 is being posted for a 30-day formal comment and ballot period per the Standard Processes Manual Section 4.12.

Based on recent board adopted standards for CIP-003-9, the posted versions for the 2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003 was updated to reflect CIP-003-11. The Standards Balloting and Commenting System (SBS) does not allow edits once a ballot pool has been formed. Even though the standard versioning within the SBS states CIP-003-A, the version numbers within this posting are correct and entities will be voting on CIP-003-11 and CIP-003-12 in the same ballot.

The standard drafting team's considerations of the responses received from the previous comment period are reflected in this draft of the standard.

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.

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](#).

- 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

An additional ballot 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 **July 2-11, 2024**.

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

For more information or assistance, contact Manager, Standards Development, [Alison Oswald](#) (via email) or at 404-275-9410. [Subscribe to this project's observer mailing list](#) by selecting "NERC Email Distribution Lists" from the "Service" drop-down menu and specify "Project 2023-04 Modifications to CIP-003 observer list" in the Description Box.



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