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Project 2021-03 CIP-002 Transmission Owner Control Centers

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m. Eastern, Thursday, August 20, 2015**

Additional information is available on the [project page](https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project%202021-03%20CIP-002%20Transmission%20Owner%20Control%20Centers.aspx). If you have questions, contact Standards Developer, [Dominique Love](mailto:Dominique.Love@nerc.net) (via email), or at 404-217-7578.

## Background Information

On January 19, 2022, the Standards Committee (SC) accepted the Burns & McDonnell request for information (RFI). During its February 16, 2022 meeting, the SC assigned the RFI to NERC Project 2021-03 – CIP-002 Transmission Owner Control Center and authorized solicitation for supplemental standard drafting team (SDT) members. From May 23 through June 22, 2022, NERC solicited supplemental nominations for volunteers to serve on the NERC Project 2021-03 CIP-002 SDT. The supplemental SDT members were appointed at the September 21, 2022 SC meeting.

After review of the RFI, the CIP-002 SDT determined that the issue raised could be consider as part of the 2021-03 SDT’s work given the team is already modifying CIP-002. NERC staff worked with Burns & McDonnell, the original RFI submitters, to draft a SAR. The SC rejected the RFI, accepted the SAR, and assigned the SAR to project 2021-03 CIP-002 SDT during its February 22, 2023.

**Modifications to CIP-002 SAR – Accepted by the Standards Committee on February 22, 2023**

There are inconsistencies in interpretations and approaches in categorizing such protocol converters when the Transmission Owner considers the transmission facilities to not have External Routable Connectivity or an Electronic Security Perimeter. This is found in transmission facilities with medium impact Bulk Electric System (BES) Cyber Systems having only serial communications traversing the physical location or transmission facilities with low impact BES Cyber Systems having no applicability for an Electronic Security Perimeter as required by CIP-005 (medium and high impact only).

## Questions

1. Do you agree with the proposed scope as described in the CIP-002 Communications Protocol Converters SAR? If you do not agree, or if you agree but have comments or suggestions for the project scope please provide your recommendation and explanation.

Yes

No

Comments:

1. Provide any additional comments for the drafting team to consider, if desired.

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