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Subject: NERC CIP Virtualization Additional Ballot Recommendation
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Importance: High

NPCC Members and Entities of the NERC Registered Ballot Body:

The NPCC Regional Standards Committee (“RSC”) has been engaged in reviewing and following the drafting activities of the Critical Infrastructure Protection (“CIP”) Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP standards (Virtualization) team. The Project, involving 11 revised standards, an implementation plan, and a non-binding poll is currently posted for an **Additional Ballot ending at 8 pm EDT on September 1, 2021**. The NPCC Task Force on Infrastructure Security and Technology (“TFIST”) has conducted a thorough review of the Project and is recommending the following for this additional ballot and has submitted comments to the NPCC RSC for review:

- CIP-002 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-003 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-004 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-005 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-006 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-007 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-008 – recommend a YES vote
- CIP-009 – recommend a YES vote
- CIP-010 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-011 – recommend a NO vote
- CIP-013 – recommend a NO vote

The main issues the TFIST has highlighted are related to a lack of clarity with the updated definitions from the team as they relate to virtualization.

In recognition of the TFIST concerns NPCC as the Regional Entity will be casting an “**Abstention**” on the posted materials.

The NPCC RSC will be submitting helpful comments to NERC to address these concerns and these RSC comments will be posted shortly. Additionally, NPCC members who serve on the drafting team for this project will be raising NPCC TFIST concerns with the team. Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

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