



In light of recent cybersecurity events and the evolving threat landscape, NERC asserts that additional caution is warranted regarding any criteria that may permit more entities to categorize Bulk Electric System (“BES”) Cyber Systems as low impact, such as the revisions proposed in CIP-002-6, and recommends further study. As a result, NERC withdraws proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 until NERC has had the opportunity to reevaluate the criterion based on additional data and studies.

### **III. Conclusion**

NERC requests that the Commission permit withdrawal of NERC’s June 12, 2020 petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 and retirement of Reliability Standard CIP-002-5.1a, either by order or expiration of the 15-day period in Rule 216.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this submittal upon all parties listed on the official service lists compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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