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CIP-007-1 – Systems Security Management

Purpose:

Request for Interpretation by WECC

Standard:

The standard had an effective date of June 1, 2006.

Request and Interpretation:

R2. The Responsible Entity shall establish and document a process to ensure that only those ports and services required for normal and emergency operations are enabled.

Question: Does the term "port" mean a physical (hardware) or a logical (software) connection to a computer?

NERC response: The drafting team interprets the term "ports" used as part of the phrase "ports and services" to refer to logical ports, e.g., Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) ports, where interface with communication services occurs.

Applicability:

Reliability Coordinator, Balancing Authority, Interchange Authority, Transmission Service Provider, Transmission Owner, Transmission Operator, Generator Owner, Generator Operator, Load Serving Entity, NERC, RRO

Current Status:

The interpretation was posted for ballot until Sept. 21, 2009. The AESO voted in favour of the interpretation as did everyone else. The interpretation received 100% approval from the ballot body.

NERC Link:

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