**1. RECOMMENDED ACTION: EFFECT OF EC VOTE TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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|  | Accept as requested |  | Change to Existing Practice |
|  | Accept as modified below | x | Status Quo |
| x | Decline |  |  |

**2. TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE**

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| **Per Request:** | | **Per Recommendation:** | |
|  | Initiation |  | Initiation |
| x | Modification |  | Modification |
|  | Interpretation |  | Interpretation |
|  | Withdrawal |  | Withdrawal |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
| x | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
|  | Document |  | Document |
|  | Data Element |  | Data Element |
|  | Code Value |  | Code Value |
|  | X12 Implementation Guide |  | X12 Implementation Guide |
|  | Business Process Documentation |  | Business Process Documentation |

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

**SUMMARY:**

2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 3.b – Evaluate and modify as needed standards to support and/or complement the current version of the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Standards and any other activities of NERC and the FERC related to cybersecurity.

**RECOMMENDED STANDARDS:**

No further action is necessary at this time.

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**a. Description of Request:**

2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 3.b – Evaluate and modify standards as needed to support and/or complement the current version of the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Standards and any other activities of NERC and the FERC related to cybersecurity.

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

The WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee is proposing no action at this time.

**c. Business Purpose:**

The WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee identified several NERC and FERC activities for review and determined that actions are not needed at this time to address the current version of the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards, reliability requirements under development, or in response to FERC cybersecurity-related activities.

Discussions regarding FERC actions included the *FERC Withdrawal of Notice of Inquiry and Termination of Rulemaking Potential Enhancements to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards* in Docket No. RM20-12-000 and FERC *Order No. 907 Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standard CIP-015-1* in Docket No RM24-7-000 approving CIP-015-1 Cyber Security – Internal Network Security Monitoring. Additionally, the participants discussed CIP-002-8 Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization and CIP-003-11 Cyber Security – Security Management Controls, filed by NERC with FERC in December 2024. The participants agreed that there was likely not impact to the WEQ Business Practice Standards and no need for supporting or complementary standard revisions at this time.

The subcommittee will continue to monitor NERC CIP related efforts, including NERC Projects 2023-06 CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement, 2021-03 CIP-002 Transmission Owner Control Centers, 2023-09 Risk Management for Third-Party Could Services, and 2022-05 Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold.

Also, the subcommittee agreed to review any final order regarding the FERC NOPR Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards Revisions, issued in Docket No. RM24-4-000 to determine if there is potential impact to the WEQ Business Practice Standards and/or areas of potential coordination with NERC.

**d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):**

See the following WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee Meeting Minutes:

* [May 7, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_css050725fm.doc)
* [June 5, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_css060525fm.doc)
* [June 30, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_css063025fm.doc)
* [July 24, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_css072425fm.doc)
* [August 8, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_css080825fm.doc)
* August 27, 2025