



# Reliability Standards and Compliance Subcommittee FERC Update

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## FERC ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

On February 25, FERC issued an order granting an extension of time to defer the implementation of the CIP Version 5 Reliability Standards

<http://www.ferc.gov/CalendarFiles/20160225154630-RM15-14-000.pdf>

### Background

- On February 4, 2016, Trade Associations filed a motion requesting that the Commission grant an extension of time to defer the implementation of the CIP version 5 Standards from April 1, 2016 to July 1, 2016 to align with the effective date for the revised CIP Reliability Standards approved in Order No. 822 for the following reasons:

- having two related implementation dates within a few months “unnecessarily complicates the ongoing transition to the new versions and presents a significant increase in administrative burdens with no tangible benefits to security or bulk power system reliability.
- the timing issues associated with implementing two versions of the CIP Reliability Standards within a short period of time will be “severely problematic” due to, among other things, developing and maintaining two sets of processes and procedures to cover each version of the relevant standards, including the maintaining two sets of compliance demonstration materials for audit purposes.

#### Commission Order

- *“The Commission hereby grants Trade Association’s motion to defer the implementation of the CIP version 5 Reliability Standards for entities with High and Medium Impact BES Cyber Systems from April 1, 2016 to July 1, 2016 to align with the effective date for the revised CIP Reliability Standards approved in Order No. 822.”*