**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 |
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|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
| X | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
| X | 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:**

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 the FERC related to cybersecurity

**Recommended Standards:**

No new standard development or changes to existing standards are proposed.

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**a. Description of Request:**

2015 WEQ Annual Plan Item 4.c – 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 the FERC related to cybersecurity

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

After robust discussions, the Cybersecurity Subcommittee recommends that no action be taken.

**c. Business Purpose:**

After evaluating the NERC CIP Version 5 Reliability Standards and discussing current FERC cybersecurity activities, the subcommittee determined that there is no business purpose to modify or develop any standards.

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

The Cybersecurity Subcommittee discussed this annual plan item three this year. After a review of the NERC CIP Version 5 Reliability Standards, there was subcommittee consensus that there was no impact to the WEQ-012 or other NAESB WEQ standards. The subcommittee also reviewed current FERC cybersecurity subcommittee activities and determined that no immediate action is required at this time based on current activity level.

Please see the minutes from the following meetings:

April 9, 2015

July 13, 2015

November 16, 2015