



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Section 9.0 Security Program for Hydropower Guidance and Request for Comments

The staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) has revised Section 9.0 of its *Security Program for Hydropower Guidance (Guidance)* to modernize the Commission's existing guidance for cybersecurity practices at licensed projects. The Section 9.0 revisions reflect technological advancements and lessons learned through recent inspections and audits. The revised Section 9.0 *Guidance* updates definitions, applicability criteria, and the technical measures used to evaluate and protect cyber and control-system assets. The staff is asking for public input and suggestions for modifications to the Section 9.0 revisions of the *Guidance* from hydropower owners and operators, federal and state agencies, and other interested parties with expertise in the implementation of cybersecurity practices. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. **Please note that this comment period will close on Monday, May 18, 2026, 5:00 pm Eastern Time.**

The revised Section 9.0 *Guidance* may be accessed on the Commission's website via eLibrary | General search. Select "General Search" and enter the docket number (AD26-6) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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