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# Standards Prioritization

September 2025

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- High Priority Projects - addresses significant risk(s) that may include a firm timeline to complete.
- Criteria
  - NERC or FERC directive with a set due date;
  - NERC work plan priority;
  - Compliance feedback or study to address a specific risk; or
  - Stakeholder feedback to address a specific risk

- Medium - must steadily progress but do not include a firm timeline.
- Criteria
  - Tandem projects to a high priority project;
  - Address an emerging risk;
  - Outstanding regulatory directives without a regulatory deadline;
  - Compliance feedback or study to address a specific risk;
  - Stakeholder feedback to address a specific risk; or
  - Reliability Standard clarification

- Low - will be advanced as time and resources permit.
- Criteria
  - Outstanding requirements that are known candidates for retirement;
  - Stakeholder feedback to address a specific risk; or
  - Reliability Standard correction

*NOTE: Projects classified as low priority are more reflective of resource management and NERC's agile framework than an evaluation of the risk being addressed.*

- April 2025:
  - 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2
- August 2025:
  - 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (GO and GOP)
  - 2020-06 Verification of Models and Data for Generators (Definitions only)

- October 2025:
  - Data Sharing and Model Validation projects related to FERC Order 901 Milestone 3
    - 2020-06 Verification of Models and Data for Generators
    - 2021-01 System Model Validation of IBRs
    - 2022-02 Uniform Modeling Framework of IBRs
- February 2026:
  - 2023-06 CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement
- June/Summer 2026:
  - 2025-02 Internal Network Security Monitoring Revisions
- October 2026:
  - 2024-02 Planning Energy Assurance

Completed by End of 2025/End of 2026		
2020-06* Verification of Models and Data for Generators	2021-01* System Model Validation of IBRs	2022-02* Uniform Modeling Framework of IBRs
2023-06 CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement (Physical Security)	2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (GO/GOP)	2024-02 Planning Energy Assurance
2025-02 Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	2025-03** Order No. 901 Operational Studies	2025-04** Order No. 901 Planning Studies

*\*Milestone 3 Project*

*\*\* Milestone 4 Project*

Anticipated Percentage of High Priority Projects			
	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	8*	8	8
Medium	8**	8	8
Low	8	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>High Percentage</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>

- 16 medium and low priority projects in Q4
- During Q4:
  - Medium and Low can post for formal
- Anticipated 2026 Board adoption dates and beyond

*\*Includes two potential standards development projects (Supply Chain based on FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Docket No. RM24-4-000 and Order 909)*

*\*\* M3 projects as Medium returning to original SARs*



To Be Completed in 2026 and Beyond		
2023-01 EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2022-04 EMT Modeling	2023-09 Risk Management for Third Party Cloud Services
2021-03 Modifications to CIP-002 (Phase 2)	2025-01 Canadian Specific Revisions to EOP-012-3	

To Be Completed in 2026 and Beyond		
2017-01 Modifications to BAL-003-1.1	2019-04 Modifications to PRC-005-6	2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1
2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008	2022-05 CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2023-05 FAC-001/FAC-002 DER
2023-08 MOD-031 Demand and Energy		2023-07 TPL-008 Performance for Extreme Weather (Phase 2)

- SARs also submitted by industry are expected
- SARs on the horizon being drafted by Engineering and RSTC working groups
- Potential standards development project based on FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Docket No. RM24-4-000 from September 19, 2024, FERC open meeting
  - Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards Revisions



# Questions and Answers