

Standards Announcement

Project 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2

Comment Period Open through March 12, 2025

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A 45-day comment period for draft three of **EOP-012-3 Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, March 12, 2025**. There is no ballot associated with this comment period.

In June 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved Reliability Standard EOP-012-2 and directed NERC to submit a revised version to address and clarify several aspects. The draft EOP-012-3 standard only achieved 44.54% approval on its most recent ballot, representing only a 2% improvement from the previous ballot.

To meet FERC's March 27, 2025, deadline, and in deference to the importance of this standard, the Board invoked its authority under **Section 321.5** of NERC's Rules of Procedure. Under this authority, the Board directed the Standards Committee, with the assistance of stakeholders and NERC staff, to prepare a responsive standard, which will then be posted for a 45-day public comment period, no later than January 29, 2025.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

- *Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.*
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- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

Next Steps

A special Board meeting will take place in **March 2025** to review the standard and a complete record, including the comments submitted during the public comment period.

For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Ben Wu](#) (via email) or at 470-542-6882. [Subscribe to this project's observer mailing list](#) by selecting "NERC Email Distribution Lists" from the "Service" drop-down menu and specify "Project 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2 observer list" in the Description Box.



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