

Standards Announcement

Project 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2

Formal Comment Period Open through November 5, 2024
Ballot Pools Forming through October 28, 2024

[Now Available](#)

A 20-day formal comment period for draft one of **EOP-012-3 Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, November 5, 2024**.

The Standards Committee approved the following waiver of provisions of the Standard Processes Manual (SPM) for Project 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2:

- Informal comment period for SAR reduced from 30 days to as few as 15 days (Section 4.2);
- Initial formal comment and ballot period(s) reduced from 45 days to as little as 20 days, with the ballot pool formed concurrently during the first 10 days of the initial formal comment period, and with the ballot and non-binding poll of Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) conducted concurrently during the last 5 days of the comment period (Sections 4.8 and 4.9);
- Additional formal comment and ballot period(s) reduced from 30 days to as little as 15 days, with the ballot and non-binding poll of VRFs and VSLs conducted concurrently during the last 5 days of the comment period (Sections 4.9 and 4.12);
- Final ballot period(s) reduced from 10 days to as little as 5 days (Section 4.13).

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](#).

Reminder Regarding Corporate RBB Memberships

Under the NERC Rules of Procedure, each entity and its affiliates is collectively permitted one voting membership per Registered Ballot Body Segment. Each entity that undergoes a change in corporate structure (such as a merger or acquisition) that results in the entity or affiliated entities having more than the one permitted representative in a particular Segment must withdraw the duplicate membership(s) prior to joining new ballot pools or voting on anything as part of an existing ballot pool. Contact ballotadmin@nerc.net to assist with the removal of any duplicate registrations.

Ballot Pools

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, October 28, 2024**. Registered Ballot Body members can join the ballot pools [here](#).

- 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.
- Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.
- The SBS **is not** supported for use on mobile devices.
- 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

Initial ballots for the standard and implementation plan, as well as a non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **October 31 – November 5, 2024**.

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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