

UPDATED

Standards Announcement

Project 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2

Comment Period Open through March 12, 2025

[Updated Draft Now Available](#)

A 45-day comment period for proposed Reliability Standard **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.

The posted draft has been updated to include the following compliance provision in Section C of the standard:

“From the effective date of Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 until October 1, 2027, the Compliance Enforcement Authority will not pursue an action under Sections 4A.0 or 5.0 of Appendix 4C to the Rules of Procedure for a failure to comply with Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 Requirement R1 Part 1.1 with respect to the calculation of the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature for an applicable generating unit, or any other failure to comply resulting from an incorrect calculation of the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature for that generating unit, against any entity acting in good faith to comply with the standard in accordance with the relevant implementation plan. “Good faith” in this context refers to a sincere intention to comply with Reliability Standard EOP-012-3, regarding all requirements based on the calculation of the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature for each applicable generating unit, following a reasonable and serious assessment by the entity in determining how this Reliability Standard should be applied to its particular facts and circumstances. Entities shall participate in any compliance monitoring activities undertaken by the Compliance Enforcement Authority during this abeyance period and submit documentation as requested”

This provision has been added to address an issue raised during previous stakeholder comment periods of high importance to generators relating to the calculation of the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature for an applicable generating unit; particularly, how generators should account for gaps in hourly data in cold weather data sets. This provision states the ERO Enterprise’s intent that, for a period of two years following the effective date of Reliability Standard EOP-012-3, the ERO Enterprise will not pursue an enforcement action against entities attempting to comply in good faith with the standard’s requirements related to the calculation of the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature. During this two year period, the ERO Enterprise would closely monitor implementation of Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 to determine if additional refinements to the standard are warranted.

This updated posting makes no modifications to the mandatory and enforceable elements of proposed EOP-012-3; as developed by the drafting team and the Standards Committee.

The inclusion of this language is made in alignment with the [Supplemental Filing ERO Assessment 2024](#) from November 2024 which was accepted by FERC in December 2024.

Please refer to the [project page](#) for the updated proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations Clean and Redline versions. The language has been highlighted in the posted drafts to assist in identifying the redlines for this modification.

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](#).

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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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