

Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

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ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS

Current Ballots (ballot periods close at 8:00 p.m. Eastern)

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
2023-07 Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather Draft 3	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	10/11/24	10/21/24
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Draft 3 – BAL-007-1	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	10/25/24	11/04/24
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Draft 1 – TOP-003-7	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	10/25/24	11/04/24
NEW 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2 Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	10/31/24	11/5/24
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Draft 2 – CIP-014-4	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	10/28/24	11/06/24

Join Ballot Pools			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2 Draft 1	Join Ballot Pools	10/17/24	10/28/24
Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	Comment Period	10/09/24	10/21/24
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Draft 1 – TOP-003-7 and Draft 3 – BAL-007-1	Comment Period	09/19/24	11/04/24
NEW Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	Comment Period	10/17/24	11/05/24
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Draft 2 – CIP-014-4	Comment Period	09/23/24	11/06/24
OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS			
Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>Request for Comments: Modifications to Section 1600 Data Request for Transmission Availability Data System (TADS) TADS Section 1600 Data Request Materials In accordance with NERC’s Rule of Procedure, Section 1600 Data Requests must include a 45-day public comment period. NERC is seeking to update the TADS Section 1600 data request to add value by expanding TADS reporting to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Load loss outage data resulting from transmission system outages, to support performance assessments and resilience analysis of the Bulk Power System • Geographical data, to more accurately evaluate the extent of transmission system outages • Equipment sub-cause codes, to enhance equipment cause codes for detailed analysis of outage causes 	All comments must be submitted in an electronic document to tads@nerc.net using the comment form .	10/09/24	11/25/24

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Additional Ballot and Non-binding Poll Results for CIP-002-8

The additional ballot and non-binding poll results draft three of CIP-002-8 – Cyber Security – BES Cyber System Categorization and nonbinding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels concluded on October 15, 2024. Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) page provides the detailed results. The drafting team will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project.

	Ballot	Non-binding Poll
Standard	Quorum / Approval	Quorum / Supportive Opinions
CIP-002-8	88.89% / 83.05%	85.61% / 80.11%
Implementation Plan	88.28% / 89.07%	N/A

Quick Links

- [Register in the SBS](#)
- [Standards Project Prioritization \(November 2023\)](#)
- [Projected Standards Posting Schedule](#)
- [Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
- [2023-2025 Reliability Standards Development Plan \(Filed With FERC\)](#)
- [Quality Review Application](#)
- [One-Stop Shop \(Status, Purpose, Implementation Plans, FERC Orders, RSAWs\)](#)
- [Submit Questions or Feedback](#)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Revised Registered Entity Self-Report and Mitigation Plan User Guide

The [Registered Entity Self-Report and Mitigation Plan User Guide](#) has been updated and posted on the NERC Enforcement and Mitigation website under the Additional Resources section. The updates include: removal of references to legacy systems; updated content to address functionality and content of submissions in Align; improved explanations of what Registered Entities should provide in Self-Report submissions; updated information regarding what a Registered Entity should do if it is part of Coordinated Oversight; updated terms for consistency; and updated Appendices for the Self-Report and Mitigation checklists to reflect the changes made in the main text and included two new Appendices to show what the Self-Report and Mitigation forms look like in Align.

Quick Links

- [Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Program One-Stop Shop](#)
- [ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Process](#)
- [Consistency Reporting Tool \(EthicsPoint\)](#)
- [Risk-Based Registration Initiative](#)
- [Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets](#)
- [Enforcement & Mitigation: Enforcement Actions](#)
- [Align and ERO SEL](#)

NEW Align Planned Maintenance

The ERO Enterprise has scheduled the Align system to be unavailable for upcoming planned maintenance activities. The Align system will be down for scheduled maintenance starting from Saturday October 26, at 10:00 p.m. Eastern (7:00 p.m. Pacific) through Sunday October 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern (7:00 a.m. Pacific). The planned outage only affects Align. Information regarding these outages will also be displayed on the My Align News & Update section of Align.

OTHER NEWS

NEW Call for Volunteers for Large Loads Task Force (LLTF) Work Plan Items 1 and 2

NERC initiated the Large Loads Task Force (LLTF) on October 8, 2024. The task force's mission is to understand how emerging large loads such as data centers (including crypto and AI) and hydrogen fuel plants impact the reliability of the bulk power system (BPS). Presentations were given during the meeting, focusing on Work Plan Item 1: White Paper on the Characteristics and Risks of Emerging Large Loads, and Work Plan Item 2: White Paper on the Assessment of Gaps in Existing Practices, Requirements, and Reliability Standards for Emerging Large Loads.

Volunteers are currently being sought to assist with both. Below is some background information about each item.

- **White Paper 1: Characteristics and Risks of Emerging Large Loads**

White Paper on the unique characteristics and risks associated with emerging large loads. This paper will leverage the NERC Framework to address known and emerging reliability and security risks to identify, validate, and prioritize potential reliability risks related to the integration of emerging large loads. Target for completion is Q2 of 2025.

- **White Paper 2: Assessment of Gaps in Existing Practices, Requirements, and Reliability Standards for Emerging Large Loads**

White Paper assessing whether existing engineering practices, requirements, and Reliability Standards can adequately capture and mitigate reliability impact(s) of large loads interconnected to the BPS. The paper will also highlight gaps in load modeling practices that LMWG can leverage to take further action to improve load modeling. Target for completion is Q4 of 2025.

If you would like to volunteer to participate in either of these Work Plan Items, please email [Marilyn Jayachandran](#) and [Levetra Pitts](#) by **October 18, 2024**. Please add the Work Plan Item number in the subject line of your email.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards

U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)
July 1, 2025	IRO-010-5 – Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan
October 1, 2025	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning Implementation Plan
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls Implementation Plan
July 1, 2026	CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers Implementation Plan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW FERC Orders

On October 18, 2024, FERC issued the [Order Accepting the 2025 Business Plans and Budgets](#) of NERC, the Regional Entities, and the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB). [FERC Orders for 2024.](#)

NEW NERC Filings

On October 15, 2024, NERC submitted its [Annual Report](#) on the Find, Fix Track and Report Compliance Exception Programs.

On October 18, 2024, NERC submitted to FERC a [petition](#) for approval of proposed revisions to Appendix 4E to the NERC Rules of Procedure (ROP).

On October 18, 2024, NERC and the Regional Entities submitted [comments](#) on the Commission’s Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) regarding Dynamic Line Ratings (DLRs). [Filings to FERC for 2024.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full accounting of upcoming events, please refer to the [NERC Calendar](#).

Workshops and Conferences

Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
GridSecCon 2024	All day	October 22–25	Minneapolis, MN	Details
NEW Cloud Services Technical Conference	All day	November 1	Virtual	Agenda Register
NEW Cold Weather Workshop	All day	November 12	Austin, TX	Save the Date
NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop	1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19–20	Virtual	Save the Date

Webinars

Event	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Project 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	October 24	Details
NEW Inverter-Based Resource Registration Webinar	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 13	Details

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

Event	Time	Date	Registration
Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) Meeting	2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern	November 12	Details
NEW Credential Maintenance Working Group Meeting	1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 12	Agenda Register
Standards Committee Virtual Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	November 13	Details
NEW Standards Committee Meeting	10:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 10	In-Person Virtual

ERO Enterprise Events

Event	Time	Date	Registration
Texas RE 2024 Fall Standards, Security, and Reliability Workshop	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 20	Details

Standard Drafting Team Meetings

Please refer to the [Standards](#) calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.

Project	Time	Date	Registration
Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002-4.1 Standard	11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Eastern	October 21	Details
NEW Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 22	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	October 22	Details
Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling	9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Eastern	October 23–24	Details
NEW Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 23	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	October 24	Details
NEW Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 25	Details
NEW Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 28	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	October 28	Details
NEW Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 29	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	October 29	Details
NEW Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 31	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	October 31	Details
Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 13	Details
Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Eastern	November 14	Details
Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	November 15	Details
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Central	November 20-22	Details

ABOUT THE STANDARDS, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN

This weekly bulletin compiles a list of standards, compliance, and enforcement projects with actionable deadlines, as well as upcoming events, recently posted resources, other NERC documents posted for comment, and other relevant news and information. Please email [Maureen Murtha](mailto:Maureen.Murtha@nerc.gov) with feedback on this bulletin. The current bulletin and old bulletins are available under “Program News” on both the [Standards home page](#) and the [Compliance & Enforcement home page](#).

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