

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
Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather Draft 4–TPL-008-1	Additional Ballot and Non-Binding Poll	11/12/24	11/21/24
NEW Project 2021-03 – CIP-002 CIP-002-8 — Cyber Security - BES Cyber System Categorization, Implementation Plan	Final Ballots	11/13/24	11/2/24

Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Posted for Comment

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Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather Draft 4–TPL-008-1	Comment Period	11/07/24	11/21/24
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</p> <p>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 	<p>All comments must be submitted in an electronic document to tads@nerc.net using the comment form.</p>	10/09/24	11/25/24

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003 Final Documents Posted

The drafting team is posting the [final documents](#) of CIP-003-11 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls, but not conducting a final ballot, per the Standard Processes Manual (SPM) section 4.13. Consistent with these requirements, the last ballot received 93.89% approval. The drafting team has made a good faith effort to resolve objections and responded to comments in writing, including making minor corrections to two of the non-mandatory and enforceable sections of the standard. The [Ballot Results](#) page provides the detailed voting results from the previous ballot. CIP-003-11 will be presented to the NERC Board at the December Board of Trustees meeting.

NEW Cold Weather Project Technical Conference Resources Posted

The [slides](#) and [recording](#) for the Cold Weather Project Technical Conference are now available.

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 ERO Enterprise Webinar – Registered Entity Refresher Training – Align Enforcement and Mitigation Modules

On December 4, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern, the ERO Enterprise will host a refresher training for Registered Entities on how to use the Enforcement and Mitigation modules in Align. Registration is required for this training and is being offered to the Registered Entities that use Align.

The training is designed to for registered entities to walk through:

- Creating and submitting a Finding to the CEA
- Providing updates to that Finding
- Creating and submitting a Mitigation record
- Managing the milestones
- Receiving and responding to Requests for Information
- Receiving and responding to Disposition Notifications
- Understanding where noncompliance and mitigation are in the process.

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](#)

The training will be focused on using the Align system in the Enforcement and Mitigation modules; presenters will not review regional processes. The training will be recorded, and any questions received during the training will be answered in a FAQ document following the webinar.

OTHER NEWS

NEW NERC Posts Winter Reliability Assessment

NERC's [2024–2025 Winter Reliability Assessment](#) finds that while regulatory and industry initiatives have improved winter readiness, many parts of North America are once again at an elevated risk of energy shortfalls under extreme conditions. The findings are largely driven by issues related to natural gas production and delivery coupled with potential limited regional pipeline capacity in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, robust load growth that continues to surpass growth in dispatchable resources, and retirements in thermal generation resources. Similar to last year, no areas are identified as having a high risk of energy shortfalls in extreme weather conditions and all areas are expected to have adequate resources under normal winter peak load conditions.

NEW NERC Releases IBR Registration Resources for New Registrants

Over the past six years, system events have demonstrated that inverter-based resources (IBR) are having a major impact on generation, transmission, and distribution systems. These resources play a critical role in the transition to a more resilient and sustainable future energy landscape, but their unique characteristics present new challenges for grid reliability and stability. As part of its IBR Strategy, NERC is dedicated to identifying and addressing challenges associated with IBRs, sharing risk mitigation techniques with industry, and providing best practices and education. [Full Announcement](#).

NEW RTSC News Bulletin Posted

The RSTC's [monthly newsletter](#) is now available. Read about RSTC activities from the September meeting. Highlights in this edition include:

- RSTC Approved Charter Updates
- Approved | Endorsed | Accepted – Agenda Items
- Risk Prioritization
- Special Guest Speaker – Ms. Sophie Giner
- Short-Term Load Forecasting Panel Information
- Upcoming Events

STANDARDS SUBJECT TO FUTURE ENFORCEMENT

Please refer to the [U.S. Effective Dates page](#) for the most up-to-date information on effective dates and for more detail on the table below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards		
U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)	Phased-In (Y/N)
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	No
October 1, 2025	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning Implementation Plan	No
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls Implementation Plan	No
July 1, 2026	CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security–Communications between Control Centers Implementation Plan	No

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW Sunshine Act Agenda Posted for Upcoming FERC Open Meeting

FERC released the Sunshine Act open [agenda](#) for its upcoming November 21, 2024 open meeting. Although not directly an FPA Section 215 item, Item E-1 is related to Order No. 1920, which is subject to various petitions for review in U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals. NERC submitted comments in response to the ANOPR and NOPR leading up to issuance of Order No. 1920.

- E - 1 - RM21-17-001 - Building for the Future Through Electric Regional Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation

NEW NERC Filing

On November 15, 2024, NERC submitted an unaudited [report](#) of NERC’s budget-to-actual variance information for the third quarter of 2024. This compliance filing is in accordance with FERC’s January 16, 2013 Order, which approved a Settlement Agreement between the FERC Office of Enforcement and NERC, related to findings and recommendations arising out of its 2012 performance audit. [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
NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop	1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19–20	Virtual	UPDATED Details

Reliable IBR Integration and Milestone 3 of FERC Order No. 901 Workshop	All day	January 15–16	Phoenix, AZ	Save the Date
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Webinars			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
Equipment Failure Modes and Mechanisms Webinar	12:00–1:00 p.m. Eastern	November 18	Details
NEW Registered Entity Refresher Training – Align Enforcement and Mitigation Modules ERO Enterprise Webinar	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	December 4	Save the Date

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 10	In-Person Virtual
NEW Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting	1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	December 12	Details

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
NEW Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 18	Details
NEW Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 18	Details
NEW Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 18	Details
NEW Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19	Details
NEW Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19	Details
Project 2023-06 – Modifications to CIP-014	All day	November 20–22	Details
NEW Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	1:30–3:00 p.m. Eastern	November 22	Details
NEW Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 25	Details

NEW Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 26	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	December 2	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 4	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 5	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 5	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 11	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 16	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](#) 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](#).

REGISTRATION: If you would like to receive this bulletin or be added to a NERC distribution list, you **must** first register an account in the [ERO Portal](#). Once you have registered your ERO Portal account, authenticated your credentials with DUO, and completed your profile, please submit a ticket through the [Help Desk](#) by selecting the “NERC Email Distribution List” option under the Applications menu. In the Description Box, please specify which lists you would like your email address to be added to. If you are unsure of which distribution list you would like to be added to, an excellent starting point is the “[Committee](#)” page. You can note the committee abbreviation, which represents the distribution list you would like to join, in the Description Box. If you have other NERC-related or specific Standards projects you’re interested in, you may request those as well. If you’re interested in general information, please request to be added to the NERC-info distribution list, which covers most NERC announcements. This bulletin is distributed to several lists, including the Standards distribution list (Standards-specific announcements) and the NERC-info distribution list.