

# 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 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	<a href="#">Additional Ballot</a>	12/16/2024	12/20/2024

#### Posted for Comment

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	12/3/2024	12/20/2024
<b>NEW</b> Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling - Revisions to FAC-001-4 and FAC-002-4   SAR	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	12/11/2024	1/09/2025

### OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment			
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**STANDARDS NEWS**

**NEW Final Ballot Results for Project 2023-07 – Transmission Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather**

The final ballots for TPL-008-1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Temperature Events and its implementation plan concluded December 6, 2024. The Standards Committee approved waivers to the Standards Process Manual at their December 2023 meeting. These waivers were sought by NERC Standards for reduced formal comment and ballot periods to assist the drafting teams in expediting the standards development process due to firm timeline expectations set by FERC Order 896. Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) page provides the detailed results.

**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](#)

Ballot Results	
Standard	Quorum / Approval
TPL-008-1	84.08% / 75.43%
Implementation Plan	84.08% / 79.38%

### **NEW Nomination Period Open for New Reliability Issues Steering Committee Members**

As the terms expire for a number of Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC) members on January 31, 2025, volunteers are being sought from the Member Representatives Committee (MRC) and industry to serve on the RISC for two-year terms ending January 31, 2027. The RISC is an advisory committee that reports directly to the NERC Board of Trustees (Board) and triages and provides front-end, high-level leadership and accountability for issues of strategic importance to bulk power system (BPS) reliability and security. The RISC assists the Board, NERC technical committees, NERC staff, regulators, Regional Entities, and industry stakeholders in establishing a common understanding of the scope, priority, and goals for the development of solutions to these issues. In doing so, the RISC provides a framework for developing recommendations to help NERC and the industry effectively focus their resources on the critical issues needed to improve the reliability and security of the BPS. The [2023 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report](#) was approved by the Board on August 17, 2023 and is posted on the RISC web page.

As described in the [RISC charter](#), nominees for RISC should meet the following general qualifications:

- Executive-level position within the electric utility industry.
- High-level understanding and strategic perspectives on reliability risks.
- Commitment to regular participation on the RISC in a collaborative and consensus-building manner.

When determining a final slate of recommended members, the RISC Nominating Committee will evaluate nominees based on experience and qualifications, as well as diversity within the context of the entire membership of the RISC based on the following considerations:

- Geographic and international diversity, such that Eastern, Western, and Texas Interconnections, along with Canada are represented on the RISC.
- Sector, size, and asset (transmission, distribution, load, generation, etc.) diversity.
- Diversity in professional background and experience.

If you are interested in nominating either yourself or another person, please complete the attached nomination form at the following link: [RISC Nomination Form](#). Nominations are due on or before January 10, 2025.

### **NEW Webinar Resources Posted**

NERC posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the December 12, 2024 Project 2024-03 – Revisions to EOP-012-2.

## GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

### **NEW ERO Enterprise Webinar – Registered Entity Refresher Training – Align Enforcement and Mitigation Modules – Webinar Materials and Recording Posted**

On December 4, 2024, the ERO Enterprise hosted a refresher training for Registered Entities on how to use the Enforcement and Mitigation modules in Align.

The webinar materials are located on the [Align and Secure Evidence Locker \(SEL\) webpage](#) under the "Training and Webinars" section. The recording, chapter list, slides, and responses to the Q&A are all located under the December 4, 2024 posting.

### **NEW Updated Align Release 2 User Guides Posted**

For Align Release 2 features, which introduced Periodic Data Submittals (PDS), Self-Certifications, and Technical Feasibility Exception (TFE) functionality into the system for both registered entities and Regional Entities, the User Guides for both user roles are updated and now published in the [Align and ERO SEL Training Materials](#) pages. The revisions to User Guides (CEA and Registered Entity) include correcting typos, updating screenshots to reflect updated functionality, detailing and clarifying various steps, and adding a Revision History table to capture future edits. In addition, the guides for both user roles were separated into three guides: PDS User Guide, Self-Certification User Guide, TFE User Guide. The Registered Entity guides are also posted on the [Align and SEL page](#), under the new Align and SEL Entity User Guides section.

To review the updated user guides, please navigate to the appropriate link for CEA or Registered Entity training materials. If using the Align and ERO SEL Training Materials page, select the Registered Entity or CEA role and scroll to the Resources section at the bottom of the page to locate the new PDS, Self-Certification, and TFE guides. Updates to the remaining User Guides are in progress and future announcements will notify users when the guides are available for reference.

Please note, the ERO Enterprise will be adding entity user guides to the new section of the Align and SEL page while retaining guides on the training materials' resources as well. If you have any questions, please contact [AskAlign@nerc.net](mailto:AskAlign@nerc.net).

### 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](#)

**OTHER NEWS**

**NEW NERC Advances Extreme Weather Protection, Energy Assurance, and Approves 2025 Work Plan Priorities**

At its December meeting, NERC’s Board of Trustees took important actions to mitigate extreme weather impacts on the grid, help assure adequate energy supply and strengthen cybersecurity protections through the approval of new and modified standards. To plan for the future, the Board also approved NERC’s 2025 work plan priorities, the updated ERO Enterprise Long-Term Strategy and Board compensation and meeting schedule changes beginning in 2026. [Full Announcement](#).

**NEW 2024 RISC Emerging Risks Survey of Industry**

The [RISC Emerging Risks Survey of Industry](#) has been developed to detail the identified reliability risks that affect the bulk power system (BPS) and to recommend specific activities aimed at mitigating these risks. This compilation is a product of the efforts of the NERC Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC) as outlined in the 2023 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report. The purpose of this survey is twofold: it not only prioritizes currently recognized risks but also seeks to identify potential new and emerging risks that could impact BPS reliability in the future. The deadline for completing the survey is by no later than January 16, 2025. Should you encounter any issues accessing or while using SurveyMonkey, please reach out to [Levetra Pitts](#) for assistance. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of BPS reliability risk management.

**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)
January 1, 2025	<a href="#">FAC-501-WECC-4 – Transmission Maintenance</a>	No
July 1, 2025	<a href="#">IRO-010-5 – Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection</a>   <a href="#">Implementation Plan</a> <a href="#">TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection</a>   <a href="#">Implementation Plan</a>	No
October 1, 2025	<a href="#">TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning</a>   <a href="#">Implementation Plan</a>	No
April 1, 2026	<a href="#">CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls</a>   <a href="#">Implementation Plan</a>	No
July 1, 2026	<a href="#">CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security–Communications between Control Centers</a>   <a href="#">Implementation Plan</a>	No

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION**

**NEW NERC Filing**

On December 10, 2024, NERC submitted to FERC its [Reliability Standards Development Plan \(RSDP\)](#) for 2025-2027. This informational filing provides a status update on active development projects and a forecast of future work to be undertaken by NERC and its stakeholders throughout the upcoming year. The RSDP is filed in accordance with Section 310 of the NERC Rules of Procedure. [All 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
Reliable IBR Integration and Milestone 3 of FERC Order No. 901 Workshop	All day	January 15–16	Phoenix, AZ	<b>UPDATED</b> <a href="#">In-Person</a>   <a href="#">Virtual</a>   <a href="#">Agenda</a>

**Webinars**

Event	Time	Date	Registration
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**Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls**

Event	Time	Date	Registration
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**ERO Enterprise Events**

Event	Time	Date	Registration
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**Standard Drafting Team Meetings**

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

Project	Time	Date	Registration
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## 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](#).

**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.