

# Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

December 23–29, 2024

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### ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS

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

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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#### Posted for Comment

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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### OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

#### Posted for Comment

Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
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

## STANDARDS NEWS

### **NEW 2025-2026 Term Elections and Preliminary Results**

Each Standards Committee (SC) consists of 10 industry segments, all of which had a vacancy to fill for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026. Additionally, there was a special election for Segment 6 to fill the remaining term from 2024 to 2025. The election was held from December 4–13, 2024. NERC staff verified the votes cast and confirmed the results. The elected nominees received the highest total number of votes in their respective segments and achieved a simple majority of the votes cast. The following individuals have been elected to two-year terms in their respective segments.

**Segment 1:** John Martinez

**Segment 2:** Charles Yeung

**Segment 3:** Vicki O’Leary

**Segment 4:** Patti Metro

**Segment 5:** Josh Hale

**Segment 6:** Jennie Wike

The updated 2025–2026 roster reflecting these election results is now available on the NERC website. Robert Blohm (Segment 8) and Paul MacDonald (Segment 9) will continue as the SC Representatives for Canada. Segment 10 (Reginal Entities) has an alternate election procedure, as permitted by Appendix 3B of the NERC Rules of Procedure with Steve Rueckert having been elected to serve the 2025–2026 term.

The one-year term in Segment 6 and the two-year terms for Segment 7 and Segment 9 will have a second ballot as these seats did not achieve the simple majority of votes cast. The second ballot for the term elections and special election for segment 6 will be conducted in early January 2025 and only Registered Ballot Body Representatives or their designated proxy for Segment 6, Segment 7, and Segment 9 are allowed to participate. The [2025–2026 Standard Committee Segment Representative Roster](#) reflects these election 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](#)

**NEW Additional Ballot Results for Project 2024-03**

Additional ballots and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement concluded December 20, 2024 for EOP-012-3 Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations. The voting statistics are listed below, and the details can be accessed on the [Ballot Results](#) page.

	Ballot	Non-binding Poll
Standard	Quorum / Approval	Quorum / Supportive Opinions
EOP-012-3	88.93% / 44.54%	88% / 48.1%
Implementation	89.58% / 59.7%	N/A

**GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS**

There is no General Compliance and Enforcement news to report this week.

**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 Announces New Exam Delivery Vendor for System Operator Certification Program**

NERC’s System Operator Certification Program is moving to [Pearson VUE](#) as the new exam delivery vendor at 12:00 p.m. Eastern on March 25, 2025. Pearson VUE offers superior customer service and substantially more exam center locations in the United States and Canada. Candidates can begin scheduling exams with Pearson VUE at **12:00 p.m. Eastern on March 25.**

[Announcement](#) | [Transition Timeline](#) | [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**NEW LTRA Finds Urgent Need for Resources over 10-Year Horizon as Electricity Demand Growth Accelerates**

NERC’s [2024 Long-Term Reliability Assessment](#) (LTRA) identifies reliability trends, emerging issues, and potential risks to the bulk power system over a 10-year horizon. This year’s report points to the mounting reliability challenges that industry is facing—satisfying escalating energy growth, managing generator retirements, and removing barriers to resource and transmission development. Recommendations to address reliability concerns include managing generator deactivations, enhancing future LTRAs with more expansive energy risk analysis, streamlining siting and permitting, promoting natural gas-electric system coordination, and ensuring essential reliability services are maintained.

**NEW NERC and RISC Reliability Leadership Summit Announced**

Every other year, the summit gathers more than 100 leaders of the electric reliability community, including industry leaders, ISO/RTO officials, state utility regulators, key federal officials, and NERC and Regional Entity senior leadership. This year, the summit will focus on the following areas: grid resiliency, security, and energy policy. Results and observations from the Summit will be used to identify, assess, and manage reliability priorities across the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) and documented in the RISC’s biennial 2025 report (see [2023 Report](#) for background). Registration details are available under [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.

<b>U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards</b>		
<b>U.S. Effective Date</b>	<b>Standard(s)</b>	<b>Phased-In (Y/N)</b>
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 Statement on FERC December Open Meeting**

Reliability, NERC, and the importance of collaboration were central themes at today’s Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) monthly open meeting during which FERC issued an order accepting NERC’s *Five-Year Performance Assessment*, as filed with FERC on July 19, 2024, and supplemented on November 8, 2024. The assessment reports on NERC’s activities to ensure a reliable, resilient, and robust grid. FERC also proposed to approve reliability standards needed to support reliable integration of new energy resources. The *Five-Year Performance Assessment* includes the supplemental filing that provided additional details on work to improve efficiencies in Reliability Standards development, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program processing, and more robust data collection and analytics. NERC is committed to applying the inherent flexibility and agility that this will provide to its regulatory processes. FERC also directed NERC to submit a compliance filing within 180 days providing metrics to track the development of Reliability Standards and its compliance monitoring and enforcement program. NERC appreciates FERC’s actions and its focus on reliability matters and will continue to work toward assuring the reliability and security of the North American bulk power system. [Full Statement](#)

**NEW FERC Issuances for December 19, 2024**

At its December 19, 2024, open meeting, FERC issued the following:

- [Order](#) accepting the *2024 Five-Year Performance Assessment* and directing a compliance filing.
- [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NOPR\)](#) proposing to approve Reliability Standards PRC-024-4 and PRC-029-1 (Reliability Standards for Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings and Ride-Through for Inverter-Based Resources).

**NEW NERC Filings**

On December 17, 2024, NERC submitted to FERC a petition for approval of Proposed Reliability Standard [TPL-008-1](#).

On December 20, 2024, NERC submitted to FERC a petition for approval of Proposed Reliability Standards – [CIP-002-8](#) and [CIP-003-11](#).

[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	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="#">In-Person</a>   <a href="#">Virtual</a>   <a href="#">Agenda</a>

<b>NEW</b> NERC/RISC Reliability Leadership Summit	All day	February 26–27	Washington, D.C.	<a href="#">Registration</a>   <a href="#">Hotel</a>
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Webinars			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
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Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
<b>NEW</b> NERC February 2025 Annual Meetings	All Day	February 12–13	<a href="#">In-Person</a>   <a href="#">Virtual</a>   <a href="#">Hotel</a>   <a href="#">Schedule</a>
<b>NEW</b> Member Representatives Committee Informational Session	3:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	January 16	<a href="#">Details</a>

ERO Enterprise Events			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
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Standard Drafting Team Meetings			
Please refer to the <a href="#">Standards</a> calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.			
Project	Time	Date	Registration
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	January 15	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	January 16	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	January 17	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	January 23	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	January 23	<a href="#">Details</a>

## 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.