

# Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

January 13–19, 2025

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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
<b>UPDATED</b> Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling - Revisions to FAC-001-4 and FAC-002-4   SAR	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	12/11/2024	1/21/2025

## STANDARDS NEWS

### **NEW Standards Committee Election Update: Second Ballot Required for 2025-2026 Term Elections Segment 7 and Segment 9; 2024-2025 Term Segment 6**

Due to the election results, the one-year term for Segment 6 and the two-year terms for Segment 7 and Segment 9 will require a second ballot, as these seats did not achieve a simple majority of the votes cast. The second ballot for the term elections, as well as the special election for Segment 6, will be conducted from January 6 to January 15, 2025. Only Registered Ballot Body Representatives or their designated proxies for Segment 6, Segment 7, and Segment 9 are allowed to participate in this voting process. [Second Ballot - Segments 7 and 9 \(two-year term\) | Segment 6 \(one-year term\)](#). [2025 - 2026 Standard Committee Segment Representative Roster](#)

### 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

There is no additional 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 Publishes Incident Review and Guidance on Voltage-Sensitive Large Load Integration**

On January 8, 2025, NERC published a new [incident review](#) examining the risks and challenges posed by the increasing integration of voltage-sensitive large loads, such as data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities, into the Bulk Electric System (BES). This review highlights the potential for significant load loss during normally cleared faults on the BES and emphasizes the growing presence of voltage-sensitive loads within the system.

### **NEW Lesson Learned Posted**

One new lesson learned has been posted on the NERC website on the [Lessons Learned](#) page.

The new lesson addresses the following topic:

- [Root Cause Analysis Tools – Events and Causal Factors Charting](#)
- [Root Cause Analysis Tools – Events and Causal Factors Charting \(Excel Template\)](#)

### **NEW NERC Posts Interregional Transfer Capability Study 2024 Q4 Update**

The Interregional Transfer Capability Study 2024 [Q4 update](#) is part of NERC's extensive and ongoing effort to inform industry; stakeholders; and federal, state, and provincial partners about ITCS activities and progress. Activities completed in the fourth quarter include:

- Filing the final [Interregional Transfer Capability Study](#) with FERC, providing current total transfer capability analysis between pairs of neighboring transmission planning regions, recommended additions, and how to meet and maintain transfer capability.
- Publishing an [interactive visual aid](#) to accompany the findings.
- Beginning a Canadian analysis to study transfer capabilities from the United States to Canada and between Canadian provinces, due to the interconnected nature of the grid.
- Conducting the first two meetings of the Canadian Analysis Advisory Group, which will oversee the Canadian analysis progression.

The ITCS is crucial to the future of grid reliability, and NERC was uniquely positioned to conduct this complex, one-of-a-kind study. More information can be found on the [ITCS project page](#).

## 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   Implementation Plan</a> <a href="#">TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection   Implementation Plan</a>	No
October 1, 2025	<a href="#">TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning   Implementation Plan</a>	No
April 1, 2026	<a href="#">CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls   Implementation Plan</a>	No
July 1, 2026	<a href="#">CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security–Communications between Control Centers   Implementation Plan</a>	No

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

#### **NEW** Sunshine Act Agenda Posted for Upcoming FERC Open Meeting

On January 9, 2025, FERC released the Sunshine Act open meeting agenda for its upcoming [January 16 meeting](#).

#### **NEW** NERC Board Invokes 321 Authority for EOP-012-3

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved Reliability Standard EOP-012-2 and directed NERC to submit a clarified, revised version in June of 2024. The draft EOP-012-3 standard only achieved 44.54% approval on its most recent ballot, only a 2% improvement from the previous ballot, and well below the 67% needed under NERC’s stakeholder ballot process. To meet FERC’s March 27, 2025 deadline, the Board invoked its authority under Section 321.5 of NERC’s Rules of Procedure. Under this authority, the Board directed the Standards Committee, with the assistance of stakeholders and NERC staff, to prepare a responsive standard, which will then be posted for a 45-day public comment period no later than January 29. A special Board meeting will take place in March to review the standard and a complete record, including the comments submitted during the public comment period. [Full Announcement](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Workshops and Conferences

Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
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Reliable IBR Integration and Milestone 3 of FERC Order No. 901 Workshop	All day	January 15	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="#">In-Person</a> (In-Person registration required to attend break-out sessions)   <a href="#">Virtual</a>   <a href="#">Agenda</a>
NERC/RISC Reliability Leadership Summit	All day	February 26–27	Washington, D.C.	<a href="#">Registration</a>   <a href="#">Hotel</a>

Webinars			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
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Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
Member Representatives Committee Informational Session	3:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	January 16	<b>UPDATED</b> <a href="#">Agenda</a>   <a href="#">Registration</a>
<b>NEW</b> Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) Work Plan Summit	All Day	January 21–23	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC) and Subcommittee Meetings	All Day	January 23–24	<a href="#">CCC Day 1</a> <a href="#">CCC Day 2</a> <a href="#">ORCS Open Meeting</a> <a href="#">EROMS Open Meeting</a>
Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee Meetings	All Day	February 12–13	<a href="#">In-Person</a>   <a href="#">Virtual</a>   <a href="#">Hotel</a>   <a href="#">Schedule</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

Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	January 15	<a href="#">Details</a>
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	January 16	<a href="#">Details</a>
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	January 17	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	January 21	<a href="#">Details</a>
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	January 23	<a href="#">Details</a>
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	January 23	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2022-04 EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	January 27	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	January 28	<a href="#">Details</a>
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	January 28	<a href="#">Details</a>
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	January 30	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 4	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 6	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2022-04 EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	February 10	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 11	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2022-02 Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	All Day	February 11–13	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 13	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 20	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>NEW</b> Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 25	<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](#).

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