

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
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Posted for Comment

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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	Comment Period	12/11/2024	1/21/2025

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Standards Committee Election Update: Second Ballot Results for 2025-2026 Term Elections Segments 7 and 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 required 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, was conducted from January 6 to January 15, 2025. 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 7: Venona Greaff

Segment 9: Daniela Cismaru

The following individual has been elected to the remaining 2024-2025 term in their respective segment.

Segment 6: Sean Bodkin

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](#)

Votes Cast by Segment

Segment	Total Votes Cast	% of Segments Representatives Casting Votes
6 (2024-2025)	13	53.84%
7	2	100%
9	2	100%

[2025 - 2026 Standard Committee Segment Representative Roster](#)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Posted: ERO Enterprise Enforcement Cause Code User Guide and Training Video

NERC Enforcement has posted its first Cause Code User Guide on the Enforcement and Mitigation webpage. The Enforcement-specific Cause Codes may be used by registered entities and Regional Entities to assign the appropriate cause code that corresponds to the identified root cause of the noncompliance. The enforcement cause codes characterize the most used causes of noncompliance in a structured manner and could facilitate with identification and analysis of trends associated with noncompliance to strengthen the ERO Enterprise's understanding of noncompliance and related risks to the bulk power system (BPS).

The User Guide and the Training Video are located on the *Additional Resources* section of [Enforcement and Mitigation](#). For questions related to cause coding, please contact your Regional Entity Enforcement or Mitigation Contact.

NEW ERO Enterprise Self-Report/Self-Log form

NERC Enforcement has posted a template form of the Self-Report/Self-Log form that is in Align. This template is available on the NERC Enforcement and Mitigation [webpage](#) under the Templates section. This template is for Registered Entities awareness of what fields are included in the Self-Report/Self-Log form that need to be completed in Align. NOTE: this form only includes the fields and no additional instruction or help text, to view full form with details or to create a Self-Report/Self-Log for submittal, please log into Align to view forms.

NEW Align and SEL User Guides and Best Practices

In late October 2024, a new registered entity [SEL Portal User Guide](#) was published with instructions for submitting files to the ERO Secure Evidence Locker (SEL) including information on accepted file types, file limitations, and tips for uploading multiple files for one SEL Reference ID. For example, the ERO SEL Submission Portal has a known limitation with any file names that include the percentage symbol (%); this character will cause uploads to fail. Check out the *Registered Entity SEL Portal User Guide* for additional guidance and information. Please look for additional Align and ERO SEL best practices in future bulletins.

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 Personnel Certification Governance Committee Open for Nominations

The NERC System Operator Certification Program is holding an open nomination to fill one vacancy on the Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC). The successful candidate is expected to serve a two-year term, with the following qualifications:

- Systems operations experience in Bulk Electric System
- Have a valid and current NERC Certified System Operator Credential
- General knowledge of certification programs
- Sufficient knowledge of the NERC Reliability Standards
- Geographic diversity across the NERC footprint

Brief Description of Responsibilities: To protect the integrity and independence of the System Operator Certification Program, attend and participate in two in-person and two virtual PCGC meetings, participate in various conference calls and subcommittee tasks.

[PCGC Charter](#) | [PCGC Nomination Letter](#) | [PCGC Nomination Form](#)

NEW IBR Registration Initiative Q4 2024 Update Posted

NERC posted the [IBR Registration Initiative Q4 2024 Update](#) on January 17, 2025. Consistent with its [Inverter-Based Resource Strategy](#), NERC is dedicated to identifying and addressing challenges associated with inverter-based resources (IBR) as their penetration continues to increase. In addition, FERC issued two orders with directives to NERC regarding IBRs: (1) an [order](#) directing NERC to identify and register owners and operators of currently unregistered bulk power system-connected IBRs; and (2) [Order No. 901](#) directing the development of Reliability Standards addressing multiple aspects of IBR planning. Working closely with industry and stakeholders, NERC is executing a FERC-approved IBR Registration work plan and an [Order No. 901 Work Plan](#) to achieve these directives within the prescribed timeframes.

NERC's [IBR Registration Initiative Q4 2024 Update](#) showcases progress made, highlights key activities in Legal, Registration, Standards, Stakeholder Outreach, and E-ISAC Engagements and provides available resources. This update was developed as part of NERC's ongoing efforts to ensure industry and stakeholders are kept informed throughout this critical, three-phase project. More information on this project is available in the [IBR Registration Initiative Quick Reference Guide](#).

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	FAC-501-WECC-4 – Transmission Maintenance	No
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

There is no additional Board of Trustees or FERC action to report on this week.

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	In-Person (In-Person registration required to attend break-out sessions) Virtual Agenda
NERC/RISC Reliability Leadership Summit	All day	February 26–27	Washington, D.C.	Registration Hotel

Webinars			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
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Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Standards Committee (SC) EOP-012-3 Cold Weather Small Group Drafting Sessions	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	January 21	Details
Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) Work Plan Summit	All Day	January 21–23	In-Person Agenda
NEW Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	January 22	Virtual Agenda
Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC) and Subcommittee Meetings	All Day	January 23–24	UPDATED CCC Day 1 CCC Day 2 ORCS Open Meeting Agenda EROMS Open Meeting Agenda
Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee Meetings	All Day	February 12–13	In-Person Virtual Hotel Schedule

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
NEW Project 2022-02 Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	January 21	Details
Project 2024-01 Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	January 21	Details
NEW Project 2022-02 Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	January 21	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	January 23	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	January 23	Details
Project 2022-04 EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	January 27	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	January 28	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	January 28	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	January 30	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 4	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 6	Details
Project 2022-04 EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	February 10	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 11	Details
Project 2022-02 – Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	All Day	February 11–13	Details
NEW Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	February 12	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 13	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 20	Details
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator Owner and Generator Operator)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	February 25	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](#).

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.