

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

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
NEW 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (GO and GOP) Draft 1	Comment Period	03/26/2025	05/07/2025

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment

Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>NEW Draft Reliability Guideline: Recommended Approaches for UFLS Program Design with Increasing Penetrations of DERs The NERC System Planning Impacts of DER Working Group (SPIDERWG) is currently conducting a triennial review of the Reliability Guideline on UFLS Program Design in the context of increasing Distributed Energy Resource (DER) penetration. The NERC Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) has authorized the guideline for a public comment period lasting 45 days, from March 17, 2025, to May 1, 2025. Additionally, there is a survey to assess the guideline's effectiveness. As part of this review, once you complete the effectiveness survey, you will receive a link to the comment matrix, where you can submit any feedback, you have about the guideline.</p>	<p>Effectiveness Survey</p>	03/17/2025	05/1/2025

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the March 3, 2025 ERO Enterprise Application of the Registration Criteria for Category 2 Generator Owner and Generator Operator Inverter-Based Resources Webinar.

NEW NERC Publishes IBR Registration Initiative Supplemental Guide Focused on Reliability Standards Compliance Dates

As part of its [Inverter-Based Resource Strategy](#), NERC is dedicated to identifying and addressing challenges associated with inverter-based resources (IBR) as the penetration of these resources continues to increase. NERC has released a new supplemental guide—[Reliability Standards Compliance Dates for Generator Owners and Generator Operators](#)—in support of the continued IBR Registration Initiative. This document will be updated in conjunction with NERC’s quarterly work plan update filings with FERC and can be located in the [IBR Registration Initiative Quick Reference Guide](#). Its purpose is to provide awareness to non-Bulk Electric System IBR owners and operators that meet the recently approved registration criteria for Generator Owners and Generator Operators, commonly referred to as Category 2 IBR. Finalized and pending

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](#)

compliance dates for the applicability and enforceability of individual Reliability Standards applicable to Category 2 registration can be found in the supplemental guide.

NEW NERC Announces Roster for Industry-Led Task Force Focused on Modernizing Standards Processes and Procedures

NERC has announced the member roster for the newly established, industry-led Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF), created in response to a February 2025 Board of Trustees resolution. The MSPPTF will undertake a strategic review of NERC’s Reliability Standards development process, transforming current processes and procedures to ensure more efficient and effective standards development given the complex and rapidly evolving risk landscape. Maintaining a collaborative stakeholder-based process that reflects the balance of interests will be one of the guiding principles of the initiative.

The Board appointed Greg Ford, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Georgia System Operations Corporation, to serve as chair, and Todd Lucas, vice president of Transmission Operations and Policy at Southern Company, as vice chair. MSPPTF membership also includes NERC Board members Susan Kelly and Rob Manning, the chairs of the Standards Committee (SC), the Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC), and the Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC), and U.S. and Canadian industry representatives.

MSPPTF Members	
Member	Organization
Greg Ford (MSPPTF Chair)	Georgia System Operations Corporation
Todd Lucas (MSPPTF Vice Chair)	Southern Company
Todd Bennett (SC Chair)	Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Rich Hydzik (RSTC Chair)	Avista Corporation
Scott Tomashefsky (CCC Chair)	Northern California Power Agency
Joe Fina	Snohomish County Public Utility District
Todd Hillman	Midcontinent Independent System Operator
Matt Holtz	Invenergy
Brett Kruse	Calpine Corporation
Robert Reinmuller	Hydro One Networks, Inc.
Sue Kelly	NERC Board of Trustees
Rob Manning	NERC Board of Trustees
Kal Ayoub (non-voting member)	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The MSPPTF will present its recommendations to the Board at the February 2026 meeting. Information and updates about the MSPP initiative will be [available](#).

NEW Nomination Period Open for Project 2020-06 Supplemental Drafting Team Members

NERC is seeking nominations for supplemental drafting team members for [Project 2020-06 – Verification of Models and Data for Generators](#) through April 18, 2025. Time commitments for most projects include up to two face-to-face meetings per quarter (on average two full working days for each meeting) with conference calls scheduled as needed. Team members may also have side projects, either individually or by sub-group, to present to the full drafting team for discussion and review. Another important component of quality reviews and drafting team efforts is outreach. Members of the team will be expected to conduct industry outreach during the development process to support a successful project outcome. By submitting a nomination form, you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in conference calls and face-to-face meetings. Previous drafting team experience is beneficial but not required. Use the [electronic form](#) to submit a nomination. Contact [Cindy Jackson](#) regarding issues using the electronic form. An unofficial Word version of the nomination form is posted on the [Standard Drafting Team Vacancies](#) page and the [project page](#). See the project page and nomination form for additional information. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed. For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

There is no additional 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](#)

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 NERC Filings

On March 20, 2025, NERC submitted to FERC a [Motion for Extension of Time](#) for filing the Petition for Approval of EOP-012-3 from March 27, 2025 to no later than April 14, 2025.

On March 21, 2025, NERC submitted to FERC its [Annual Report on Cyber Security Incidents](#) as directed by FERC in its July 19, 2018 Order. [All filings to FERC for 2025](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Workshops and Conferences				
Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
FERC-NERC Joint Supply Chain Workshop	1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	March 24	Washington, D.C.	Details
IBR Milestone 3 Industry Engagement Workshop	All Day	June 3–5 UPDATED	TBA	Save the Date

Webinars			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
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Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting Day 1	1:30–5:00 p.m. Central	April 9	In-Person Virtual
Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting Day 2	9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Central	April 10	In-Person Virtual

ERO Enterprise Events			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
Workshop on the Application of the New IBR Practice Guide and SERC Category 2 GO/GOP Registration Process	All Day	April 2-3	Details
Texas RE Spring Standards, Security, and Reliability Workshop	All Day	April 23	Details
Compliance & Registration Fundamentals for IBRs and Beyond	10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	May 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
Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m.	March 24	Details
NEW Project 2022-02 – Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	12:00–4:00 p.m.	March 25	Details
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 25	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	March 26	Details
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 27	Details
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 28	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	April 1	Details

Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–4:00 p.m. Eastern	April 1	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 1	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	April 3	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 3	Details
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	April 4	Details
Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002-4	1:00 –3:00 p.m. Eastern	April 4	Details
Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 7	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 8	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 10	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	April 14	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	April 17	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	April 17	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	April 21	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 22	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 24	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	April 28	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	April 29	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.