

NERC Standards Numbering System

NERC has two main categories of enforceable reliability standards:

- Continent-wide standards
- Regional standards

Numbering convention for most continent-wide standards:

BAL-002-0

- A three-letter acronym to identify the general topical area of the standard
- A three-digit numeral within that topical area, beginning with 001 and increasing sequentially
- A one-digit numeral identifying the version of that standard
 - The standards in the initial set of reliability standards translated from Operating Policies and Planning Standards were assigned a “Version 0” extension. Any “new” standard developed following Version 0 is assigned a version number starting with “Version 1.”

Numbering convention for regional standards that a Region voluntarily develops either to support a continent-wide standard or to address a topic not covered in an existing continent-wide standard:*

IRO-006-WECC-1

- A three-letter acronym to identify the general topical area of the standard
- A three-digit numeral within that topical area, either the same number as the associated continent-wide standard, or a new number if there is no associated continent-wide standard
- The three or four-letter acronym to identify that the region in which the standard applies
- A one-digit numeral identifying the version of that standard, starting with the numeral, “1”

*A number of regional standards predate this numbering system (ex. BAL-STD-002-0). As these standards are revised in the normal regional standards development process, the numbering will be revised to reflect the numbering system explained here.

BAL-003-0a

Interpretations:

If a standard has an approved interpretation, the standard identification will also have a lower case letter after the version number. For each interpretation added to a particular standard, the lower case letter will sequence through the alphabet. For example, if there are two approved interpretations to a standard such as BAL-003-0, the standard number will be represented as BAL-003-0b.

BAL-003-0.1

Errata:

If a standard has approved errata, the standard identification will include a period followed by a number after the version number. If multiple errata are approved at different times, the numbering after the period will sequence. For example, if there are two separate approved errata to a standard such as BAL-003-0, the standard number will be represented as BAL-003-0.2.

**Acronyms Used in Standard Numbering Scheme and
Associated Topical Areas**

BAL	Resource and Demand Balancing
CIP	Critical Infrastructure Protection
COM	Communications
EOP	Emergency Preparedness and Operations
FAC	Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance
INT	Interchange Scheduling and Coordination
IRO	Interconnection Reliability Operations and Coordination
MOD	Modeling, Data, and Analysis
NUC	Nuclear
ORG	Organization Certification
PER	Personnel Performance, Training, and Qualifications
PRC	Protection and Control
TOP	Transmission Operations
TPL	Transmission Planning
VAR	Voltage and Reactive