

The Modernization of Standards Processes and Procedures Task Force (MSPPTF) has posted a white paper for stakeholder comment on potential improvement opportunities (shown below) for transforming how NERC develops its Reliability Standards in three areas: standards initiation, standards development, and balloting. The Task Force is focused on transforming current standards processes and procedures to better address the complex and rapidly evolving risk landscape. The guiding principles under which the Task Force is conducting its efforts re-envision a modernized standards process to address evolving risks; identify areas of opportunity and recommendations to save time and remove redundant steps in the process; and to provide clear opportunities for stakeholder input, due process, openness, and balance of interests. The MSPPTF will present proposed recommendations to the NERC Board in February 2026.



Standard Initiation Potential Improvement Opportunities

- Implement a biannual review and prioritization process
- Centralize the process through the Reliability and Security Technical Committee

Standard Development Potential Improvement Opportunities

- Form a new group or panel to coordinate standards drafting with AI assistance
- Outsource standards drafting
- Implement incremental process changes

Balloting Potential Improvement Opportunities

- Create a Standing Ballot Body
- Implement a notice and comment process for proposed standards
- Implement incremental changes to Registered Ballot Body framework

The MSPPTF requests that stakeholders provide feedback on the draft potential improvement opportunities which will help inform draft recommendations that will be shared with stakeholders for input later in 2025. The Task Force encourages stakeholders to engage with their peers and MSPPTF members and provide feedback by 11:59 p.m. Pacific, August 27, 2025. MSPPTF materials are posted, and will be frequently updated, on the dedicated [MSPPTF webpage](#).