

Standards Announcement

Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination

Formal Comment Period Open through April 13, 2023
Ballot Pools Forming through March 29, 2023

[Now Available](#)

A formal comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, April 13, 2023** for the following:

- EOP-011-4 – Emergency Operations
- TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning
- Implementation Plan

This posting does not include EOP-012-2. The drafting team is holding this standard back to make revisions based on FERC Order Approving Extreme Cold Weather Reliability Standards EOP-011-3 and EOP-012-1 and Directing Modification of Reliability Standard EOP-012-1, N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp., 182 FERC ¶ 61,094 (Feb. 16, 2023). An initial posting for EOP-012-2 will occur at a future date.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

Reminder Regarding Corporate RBB Memberships

Under the NERC Rules of Procedure, each entity and its affiliates is collectively permitted one voting membership per Registered Ballot Body Segment. Each entity that undergoes a change in corporate structure (such as a merger or acquisition) that results in the entity or affiliated entities having more than the one permitted representative in a particular Segment must withdraw the duplicate membership(s) prior to joining new ballot pools or voting on anything as part of an existing ballot pool. Contact ballotadmin@nerc.net to assist with the removal of any duplicate registrations.

Ballot Pools

Ballot pools are being formed through **8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, March 29, 2023**. Registered Ballot Body members can join the ballot pools [here](#).

- Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.
- Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.
- The SBS **is not** supported for use on mobile devices.

- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

Next Steps

Initial ballots for the standards and implementation plan, as well as non-binding polls of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels will be conducted **April 4-13, 2023**.

For more information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

For more information or assistance, contact Senior Standards Developer, [Alison Oswald](#) (via email) or at 404-446-9668. [Subscribe to this project's observer mailing list](#) by selecting "NERC Email Distribution Lists" from the "Service" drop-down menu and specify "Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination" in the Description Box.

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