

Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

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ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS

Current and Upcoming Ballots (ballot periods close at 8:00 p.m. Eastern)

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012 Draft 2	Additional Ballot and Non-Binding Polls	01/14/22	01/24/22
Project 2020-05 – Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002 Draft 1	Initial Ballot and Non-Binding Polls	01/21/22	01/31/22

Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Posted for Comment

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Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012 Draft 2	Comment Period	11/30/21	01/24/22
Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008 SAR	Comment Period	12/09/21	01/27/22
Project 2020-05 – Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002 Draft 1	Comment Period	12/07/21	01/31/22
NEW Project 2021-06 – Modifications to IRO-010 and TOP-003 Standard Authorization Request (second posting)	Comment Period	01/11/22	02/09/22

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment

Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>Comment Period Open for Draft Reliability Guideline – Cyber Intrusion Guide for System Operators Version 2: The objective of reliability guidelines is to distribute key practices and information about specific issues critical to promote and maintain a highly reliable and secure bulk power system. Reliability guidelines are not binding norms or parameters to the level that compliance to NERC’s Reliability Standards are monitored or enforced. Rather, their incorporation into industry practices is strictly voluntary.</p> <p>The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) reviewed the initial draft of the Draft Reliability Guideline Cyber Intrusion Guide for System Operators: Version 2 and approved posting for industry comment.</p>	Please submit comments via email using the comment form .	12/22/21	02/05/22
<p>Comment Period Open for Draft Geomagnetic Disturbance Monitoring Reference Document Version 6: The RSTC reviewed the initial draft of the Geomagnetic Disturbance Monitoring Reference Document Version 6 and approved posting for 45-day comment.</p>	Please submit comments via email using the comment form .	12/22/21	02/05/22

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Standards Committee Segment Representative Election Results

The Standards Committee (SC) nomination period for the special election for Segment 2 to fill the remainder of the 2022–2023 term closed January 13, 2022. An election was held from January 4– 13, 2022. After verification of votes cast, the following election results are considered final. Jamie Johnson received the majority vote and was elected to fill the remainder of the two-year term ending December 31, 2023.

NEW Nomination Period Open for Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee Members

Nominations are being sought for the [Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee \(PMOS\)](#) members through **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**. The PMOS, which reports to the Standards Committee, is seeking to fill three positions. Desirable qualifications include candidates knowledgeable of the [Standard Processes Manual \(SPM\)](#) and with broad historical knowledge of Reliability Standards. The PMOS works with NERC staff to support industry subject matter experts in all aspects of standard development, which includes advising and supporting standard drafting teams, enhanced periodic review teams, and special projects to achieve standard goals specified in the Reliability Standards Development Plan. All members will serve two-year staggered terms with no term limits. To submit a nomination, complete the [nomination form](#) and submit to [Ben Wu](#) by **February 1, 2022**.

Quick Links

- [Register in the SBS](#)
- [Projected Standards Posting Schedule](#)
- [Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
- [2019–2021 Reliability Standards Development Plan](#)
- [Quality Review Application](#)
- [One-Stop Shop \(Status, Purpose, Implementation Plans, FERC Orders, RSAWs\)](#)
- [CIP Standards Efficiency Review](#)
- [Submit Questions or Feedback](#)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW CIP-012 Small Group Advisory Sessions Announced

NERC will host small group advisory meetings (Date/Time TBD) with registered entities, standards developers, and Regional Entities to assess the implementation of CIP-012-1 – Communications between Control Centers. All meetings will be held virtually through WebEx.

The event will consist of two parts:

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 Project](#)

- **General Sessions and Live Webinar:** A general interest session, including possible industry speakers and ERO Enterprise staff, will be held to discuss CIP-012 and possible compliance concerns.
- **SGAS One-on-One Sessions:** Closed, one-on-one discussions between a registered entity's subject matter experts and ERO Enterprise staff about issues pertinent to that entity's implementation of the CIP-012-1 Standard. The registered entity should provide the ERO Enterprise their questions prior to the scheduled one-on-one session. **NERC will schedule the one-on-one sessions after registration is received and is coordinated with regional staff.**

Registration:

- **SGAS One-on-One Sessions:** NERC will accept SGAS one-on-one registrations on a first-come, first-serve basis; if the number of requests exceeds the time allotted, NERC will coordinate alternative arrangements.
 - There is no limit to the number of SMEs who can participate in SGAS sessions.
 - NERC will notify those who request a SGAS of their appointment time so the registered entity can make staff arrangements accordingly.
 - Send SGAS registration requests to Daniel.Bogle@nerc.net. Registration is free and is required by **January 28, 2022** with the following information:
 - Requester name and contact information
 - Entity Name(s)
 - NCR(s)
 - Region(s) Registered
 - If the requester intends to represent multiple entities, contact information for someone at each entity represented
 - Preferred time(s) for appointment. (Morning/Afternoon)
- **General Sessions and Live Webinar:** Workshop is open to industry.
 - Webinar announcement will be sent prior to the workshop/webinar.

For more information or assistance, please contact [Daniel Bogle](mailto:Daniel.Bogle@nerc.net).

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 below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards

U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)
July 1, 2022	CIP-012-1 – Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers
	PRC-002-2 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements (100% compliance for Requirements R2–R4, R6–R11)
October 1, 2022	CIP-005-7 – Cyber Security – Electronic Security Perimeter(s)
	CIP-010-4 – Cyber Security – Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments
	CIP-013-2 – Cyber Security – Supply Chain Risk Management
	PRC-024-3 – Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings for Generating Resources
January 1, 2023	TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R3, R4, 4.1, 4.1.1–4.1.2, 4.2, 4.3, 4.3.1, R8, 8.1, 8.1.1–8.1.2, 8.2, 8.3, 8.3.1)
April 1, 2023	EOP-011-2 – Emergency Preparedness and Operations
	IRO-010-4 – Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection
	TOP-003-5 – Operational Reliability Data
July 1, 2023	TPL-001-5.1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements Implementation Plan
January 1, 2024	CIP-004-7 – Cyber Security – Personnel & Training
	CIP-011-3 – Cyber Security - Information Protection
	TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R7, 7.1–7.3, 7.3.1–7.3.2, 7.4, 7.4.1–7.4.3, 7.5, 7.5.1., R11, 11.1–11.3, 11.3.1–11.3.2, 11.4, 11.4.1–11.4.3, 11.5, and 11.5.1)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW FERC Open Meeting Agenda Posted

FERC released the [sunshine agenda](#) for its upcoming January 20 open meeting. There is one item directly related to NERC's responsibilities under Section 215 of the Federal Power Act:

- E-1 - RM22-3-000 - Internal Network Security Monitoring for High and Medium Impact Bulk Electric System Cyber Systems

NEW Board of Trustees Committees, Member Representatives Committee, Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting Announcement

In response to ongoing COVID-19 developments, many utilities and organizations' travel restrictions are still in place to protect the health of their workforce. Based on this, NERC's Board of Trustees and the Member Representatives Committee leadership has decided to conduct all NERC 2022 1st Quarter meetings virtually via WebEx. **WebEx and registration information will be included in the agenda packages due to be posted on or about January 27.** The schedule is structured as follows:

- Board of Trustees Committees' meetings will occur on Wednesday, February 9.
- The Member Representatives Committee and Board of Trustees meetings will occur on Thursday, February 10.

Meeting times take into consideration and accommodate West Coast participants. [Schedule of Events](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

For information about other NERC events, such as meetings and conference calls for other standing committees, subcommittees, task forces, and working groups, please refer to the [NERC calendar](#).

Workshops and Conferences

- **NEW** Energy Reliability Assessment Task Force Industry Update and Opportunity for Industry Comments – 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern, February 16, 2022 | [Register](#)

Webinars

There are no webinars currently scheduled.

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- Standards Committee Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, January 19, 2022 | [Register](#) | [NEW Agenda](#)
- Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern, January 27, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Board of Trustees Committees, Member Representatives Committee, and Board of Trustees Meetings – February 9–10, 2022 | [Schedule of Events](#)

Standard Drafting Team Meetings

- **NEW** Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002 Drafting Team Meeting – 2:45–4:45 pm. Eastern, January 19, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 pm. Eastern, January 21, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2017-01 – Phase II Modifications to BAL-003 Standard Drafting Team Meeting –1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern, January 25, 2022 | [Register](#)

ERO Enterprise Events

- **RELIABILITYFIRST** Joint Review of Protection System Commissioning Webinar – 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern, January 24, 2022 | [Register](#)

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 [Amy Klagholz](#) 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](#).

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