

# Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

March 28–April 3, 2022

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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
<a href="#">Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards</a>   Virtualization	<a href="#">Additional Ballots and Non-binding Polls</a>	04/01/22	04/11/22
<a href="#">Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions</a>   CIP-003-X (Draft 2)	<a href="#">Additional Ballots and Non-binding Polls</a>	04/06/22	04/15/22

### Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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### Posted for Comment

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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<a href="#">Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards</a>   Virtualization – Draft 3	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	02/18/22	04/11/22
<a href="#">Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002</a>   SAR (Draft 2)	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	03/07/22	04/06/22
<a href="#">Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions</a>   CIP-003-X (Draft 2)	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	02/25/22	04/15/22

### OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

#### Posted for Comment

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### STANDARDS NEWS

#### NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC has posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the March 16, 2022 Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions Industry Webinar.

#### 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 NERC Releases Fourth Episode of Compliance Podcast**

NERC is pleased to announce the release of the fourth installment of its compliance podcast, “Currently Compliant.” Hosted by ERO Enterprise subject matter experts (SMEs), “Currently Compliant” is intended to be a quick way to bring attention to frequently asked questions on which the SMEs have some clear insights to share.

[Currently Compliant: Episode 4](#) focuses on Real-Time Assessments, in particular a [free Real-Time Assessment training module](#) developed by SERC. This episode features the following SMEs:

- Ryan Mauldin, Senior Engineer, Compliance Assurance, NERC
- Banna Underland, Technical Writer & Training Coordinator, SERC
- Joel Rogers, Senior Compliance Auditor, SERC
- Greg Tenley, Senior Compliance Auditor, SERC
- Justin Kelley, Senior CIP Engineer, SERC
- Steve Rose, Compliance Auditor, SERC
- Mike Kuhl, Manager, O&P Monitoring, SERC

To learn more about Real-Time Assessments, please also check out these resources:

- [FERC and ERO Enterprise Joint Report on Real-Time Assessments](#)
- [FERC and ERO Enterprise Webinar on Real-Time Assessments](#)

For any suggestions or questions, please contact [compliancequestions@nerc.net](mailto:compliancequestions@nerc.net) and put “Currently Compliant” in the subject line.

### 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](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### **NEW Energy Reliability Assessment Task Force Industry Update and Opportunity for Industry Comments**

The [Energy Reliability Assessment Task Force](#) (ERATF) held an industry workshop on February 16, 2022 to discuss the key findings and recommendations from a technical paper written by the members of the ERATF. Panelists discussed energy assurance issues in the operations, operational planning, and planning time horizons. In addition, attendees were given the opportunity to provide comments for the development of a final Standard Authorization Request (SAR) for Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) consideration. Due to time restraints some questions were unable to be addressed during the call, so the ERATF has provided a [Q&A document](#) to answer those question.

### **NEW Advance Notice of Call for Abstracts for GridSecCon 2022**

NERC, the E-ISAC, and ReliabilityFirst are developing the program for GridSecCon 2022. Once again, our aim is to create the most informative and rewarding event for grid security professionals. On April 4, we will be issuing a call for abstracts on cyber and physical security best practices and the challenges facing the industry. Submissions are welcome from asset owner and operators in physical or cyber security roles, academic researchers, and industry and government experts.

Submissions should address one or more of the six conference themes:

1. Cyber Security
2. Physical Security
3. Security and Public Policy
4. Diversity and Inclusion
5. Human Performance/Human–System Interaction
6. Supply Chain

Please submit an abstract for consideration as a training (October 18) or breakout session (October 18–19) topic by April 22. Training sessions will be in four-hour increments; breakout sessions will be in one-hour increments. Submissions will be accepted April 4–22. For more information or assistance, email [events@eisac.com](mailto:events@eisac.com).

**NEW Nomination Period Open for Reliability and Security Technical Committee Sector 10 Special Election**

Due to an upcoming resignation from the [Reliability and Security Technical Committee \(RSTC\)](#), a vacancy has been created in Sector 10 – Independent System Operator – Regional Transmission Organization. The period for nominating candidates began March 23 and ends on April 6, 2022.

Sector nominees need not be NERC members in the sector for which they are nominated; however, they must be eligible to be a member in that sector. Only NERC members may elect the RSTC members in each sector. Please submit all [nominations](#) by April 6, 2022.

**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.

<b>U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards</b>	
<b>U.S. Effective Date</b>	<b>Standard(s)</b>
<b>July 1, 2022</b>	<a href="#">CIP-012-1 – Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers</a>
	<a href="#">PRC-002-2 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements (100% compliance for Requirements R2–R4, R6–R11)</a>
<b>October 1, 2022</b>	<a href="#">CIP-005-7 – Cyber Security – Electronic Security Perimeter(s)</a>
	<a href="#">CIP-010-4 – Cyber Security – Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments</a>
	<a href="#">CIP-013-2 – Cyber Security – Supply Chain Risk Management</a>
	<a href="#">PRC-024-3 – Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings for Generating Resources</a>
<b>January 1, 2023</b>	<a href="#">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)</a>
<b>April 1, 2023</b>	<a href="#">EOP-011-2 – Emergency Preparedness and Operations</a>
	<a href="#">IRO-010-4 – Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection</a>
	<a href="#">TOP-003-5 – Operational Reliability Data</a>
<b>July 1, 2023</b>	<a href="#">TPL-001-5.1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements</a>   <a href="#">Implementation Plan</a>
<b>January 1, 2024</b>	<a href="#">CIP-004-7 – Cyber Security – Personnel &amp; Training</a>
	<a href="#">CIP-011-3 – Cyber Security - Information Protection</a>
	<a href="#">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)</a>

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

### **NEW NERC Filings**

On March 24, 2022, NERC submitted to FERC its [2022 NERC Standards Report, Status and Timetable for Addressing Regulatory Directives](#) in Docket No. RR09-6-003. The annual report is filed in accordance with Section 321.6 of the NERC Rules of Procedure.

On March 22, 2022, NERC submitted to FERC the [Annual Report on Cyber Security Incidents](#) as directed by FERC in its July 19, 2018 Order.

On March 21, 2022, NERC submitted to FERC [reply comments](#) regarding NERC's proposal to modify the compliance section of Reliability Standard CIP-014.

You can find all of NERC's filings to FERC for 2022 [here](#).

### **NEW FERC Issuances**

On March 22, 2022, FERC issued a [delegated letter order](#) approving revisions to the Texas RE Bylaws. FERC's 2022 issuances are available [here](#).

## 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**

- GridSecCon 2022 – October 18–19, 2022 | **Save the Date**

### **Webinars**

- Updated CIP Risk Factors Webinar – 1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, March 29, 2022 | [Register](#)
- Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards | Virtualization Webinar – 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern, March 30, 2022 | [Register](#)
- [Utilizing Excess Capability of BPS-Connected Inverter-Based Resources for Frequency Support](#) Webinar – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 19, 2022 | [Register](#)

### Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- Member Representatives Committee Pre-Meeting Conference Call and Informational Webinar – 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, April 12, 2022 | [Register](#)
- Hybrid Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting – April 27–28, 2022, Juno, FL/Virtual | [Day 1 In-Person Registration](#) | [Day 1 Virtual Registration](#) | [Day 2 In-Person Registration](#) | [Day 2 Virtual Registration](#)
- Board of Trustees Committees, Member Representatives Committee, and Board of Trustees Meetings – May 11–12, 2022, Arlington, Virginia | [Register](#)

### Standard Drafting Team Meetings

- Project 2020-05 – Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, March 28, 2022 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, March 29, 2022 | [Register](#)
- Project 2020-05 – Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern, March 30, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2017-01 – Phase II Modifications to BAL-003 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, March 31, 2022 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, March 31, 2022 | [Register](#)
- Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, April 1, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-05 – Modifications to PRC-023 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, April 4, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 5, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 6, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 7, 2022 | [Register](#)

## ERO Enterprise Events

- **TEXAS RE** [Spring Standards, Security, and Reliability Workshop](#) – 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Central, March 31, 2022 | [Register](#)
- **TEXAS RE** [Talk with Texas RE: FAC-008](#) – 1:30–2:30 p.m. Central, May 5, 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](#).

**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.