Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

August 14–20, 2023

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ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS

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

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Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	08/30/23	09/11/23
Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II	Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	09/05/23	09/14/23

Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	Draft 1	Join Ballot Pools	07/28/23	08/28/23
Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II	Draft 1	Join Ballot Pools	08/01/23	08/30/23

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NEW [Project 2021-03 – CIP-002](#) | CIP-002-5.1a_Criterion_1.3_Revision SAR	[Comment Period](#)	07/20/23	08/18/23
[2024–2026 Reliability Standards Development Plan (RSDP)](#) | Draft	[Comment Period](#)	07/24/23	08/22/23
[Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement](#) | SAR	[Comment Period](#)	07/26/23	08/24/23
NEW [Project 2023-05 – Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002](#) | SARs	[Comment Period](#)	08/09/23	09/07/23
[Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting](#) | Draft 1	[Comment Period](#)	07/28/23	09/11/23
[Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II](#) | Draft 1	[Comment Period](#)	08/01/23	09/14/23

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STANDARDS NEWS

There is no additional Standards news to report for this week.

Quick Links

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[2021–2023 Reliability Standards Development Plan](#)
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GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Align Planned Maintenance

The ERO Enterprise has scheduled the Align system to be down for planned maintenance. This maintenance was originally scheduled for August 10, 2023, but was rescheduled for August 17, 2023. The Align system will be down for scheduled maintenance starting at 6:00 p.m. Eastern (3:00 p.m. Pacific) on August 17, 2023, through 10:00 p.m. Eastern (7:00 p.m. Pacific) on August 17, 2023. This planned outage only affects Align. Information regarding this outage will also be displayed on the My Align News & Update section of Align, and the [Align and SEL web page](#).

NEW Align Release Notes Posted

During the August 17, 2023 maintenance outage, the Align system will be deploying modifications to correct existing functionality or to improve user experience. The modifications include but limited to the following: ability for Registered Entities to print from all the forms in the Enforcement and Mitigation modules (draft finding record, finding records, mitigation records, notification records, request for information, etc.); ability to delete risk factor questions; ability to create Periodic Data Submittal for TPL-001-5.1; update due dates for Inherent Risk Assessment Questionnaires. The Release Notes provide details on the specific changes and indicate the users affected, as well as if any training materials need to be modified. The detailed release notes can be found on the [Align and SEL web page](#) under the Release Materials section.

NEW Cold Weather Preparedness FAQ Posted

NERC has published a [FAQ document](#) on the Cold Weather Preparedness Standards from the Cold Weather Small Group Advisory Sessions conducted earlier this year. This document provides registered entities with ERO Enterprise responses to frequently asked questions related to these Standards:

- EOP-011-2 – Emergency Preparedness and Operations; **R7 & R8 only**

- IRO-010-4 – Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection; **R1.3 only**

- TOP-003-5 – Transmission Operator Data Specification and Collection; **R1.3 only**

As a reminder, the recording of the cold weather preparedness Small Group Advisory Session general session webinar is available [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

NEW Lessons Learned Posted
One new lesson learned—Loss of Monitoring due to a "Half Failed" High Availability Switch Pair—has been posted on the NERC website on the Lessons Learned page.

NEW Nomination Period Open for 2023 E-ISAC Electricity Security Service Award in Honor of Michael J. Assante
The 2023 E-ISAC Electricity Security Service Award in Honor of Michael J. Assante recognizes individuals or teams that have significantly contributed to the security of the North American electricity industry. Nominations for this year's award are being accepted August 9 through September 8, 2023. Submit nominations here.

The selection panel seeks security professionals who exemplify Michael J. Assante's ability to inspire, innovate, and care for the community. To be considered for this award, individuals or teams must demonstrate the following:

- Dedication to finding solutions to industry security threats and challenges
- Broad information sharing for the betterment of industry
- Partnership and collaboration within and outside of industry
- Support to the electricity industry and community

The winner will be announced at GridSecCon 2023 on October 19.

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)**
January 1, 2024	CIP-004-7 – Cyber Security – Personnel & Training CIP-011-3 – Cyber Security - Information Protection
	FAC-001-4 – Facility Interconnection Requirements | Implementation Plan FAC-002-4 – Facility Interconnection Studies | Implementation Plan
	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)
April 1, 2024	FAC-003-5 – Transmission Vegetation Management FAC-011-4 – System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon FAC-014-3 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits
	IRO-008-3 – Reliability Coordinator Operational Analyses and Real-time Assessments
	PRC-002-4 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements PRC-023-5 – Transmission Relay Loadability | Implementation Plan PRC-026-2 – Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings | Implementation Plan TOP-001-6 – Transmission Operations
October 1, 2024	EOP-012-1 – Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations (Requirements 1–2 effective 4/1/28; Requirement 4 effective 10/1/29)
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security — Security Management Controls

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

UPDATED Third Quarter 2023 Meetings Materials Now Available

NERC's third quarter Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee meetings are scheduled for August 16–17, 2023 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. These meetings will be held in-person, with a webcast option. The webcast option will be listen/watch only and attendees will not be able to make comments or ask questions via the webcast.

Resources for Third Quarter 2023 Board of Trustees and Board Committee Meetings		
August 16, 2023		**August 17, 2023**
Technology and Security Committee Agenda Package 8:30 a.m. Eastern	**NERC Quarterly Technical Session** Agenda Package 12:30 p.m. Eastern	**Board of Trustees** Agenda Package 9:00 a.m. Eastern
Compliance Committee Agenda Package 9:45 a.m. Eastern	**Finance and Audit Committee** NEW Agenda Package 3:15 p.m. Eastern	**Other**: Third Quarter Input | Schedule of Events
Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee Agenda Package 11:15 a.m. Eastern	**Member Representatives Committee** Agenda Package 4:30 p.m. Eastern	

NEW FERC Issuances

On August 10, 2023, FERC approved NERC's request to expend funds from its Assessment Stabilization Reserve to fund the Inter-Regional Transfer Capability Study (ITCS) directed by Congress in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. All orders from FERC for 2023 are available on our here.

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
- DOE-NERC-Oak Ridge National Laboratory Electromagnetic Transient Simulation Workshop – August 24–25, 2023 | Register
- Electromagnetic Transient Boot Camp: System Impact Assessment – 1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | Register
- Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference – October 3–4, 2023, Salt Lake City, UT | **Save the Date**
- 2023 Probabilistic Analysis Forum – October 10–12, 2023, Salt Lake City, UT | **Save the Date**
- GridSecCon 2023 – October 17–20, 2023 | Register | Agenda
- Protection System Misoperation Workshop – October 25–26, 2023, Atlanta | Register | Draft Agenda
- 2023 NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop – November 1–2, 2023 | **Save the Date**

Webinars
- Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting Webinar – 1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern, August 15, 2023 | Join Webex
- **NEW** Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 - Phase II Webinar – 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern, August 28, 2023 | Join WebEx

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls
- Third Quarter Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee Meetings – August 16–17, 2023, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada | In-person Registration | Virtual Registration | Hotel Information
- Standards Committee Conference Call – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, August 23, 2023 | Register
- **NEW** Standards Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 20, 2023, Washington, D.C. | In-Person Registration | Join WebEx

Standard Drafting Team Meetings
Below are the upcoming SDT meetings for the next four weeks. For a full listing of upcoming meetings, please refer to the Standards calendar.
- Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, August 14, 2023 | Register
- Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, August 14, 2023 | Register

- **NEW** Project 2023-02 – Performance of IBRs Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, August 15, 2023 | Register
- **NEW** Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern, August 16, 2023 | Register
- Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002-4.1 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, August 17, 2023 | Register
- Project 2019-04 – Modifications to PRC-005-6 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, August 17, 2023 | Register
- Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II Drafting Team Meeting – 8:30–11:00 a.m. Eastern, August 18, 2023 | Register
- Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, August 21, 2023 | Register
- **NEW** Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:30–3:00 p.m. Eastern, August 21, 2023 | Register
- **NEW** Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern, August 30, 2023 | Register

ERO Enterprise Events
- **Texas RE** 2023 Winter Weatherization Workshop – 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Central, September 13, 2023 | Register
- **ReliabilityFirst** 2023 ReliabilityFirst Fall Workshop – September 26–27, 2023 | Register
- **Texas RE** 2023 Fall Standards, Security, and Reliability Workshop – 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Central, October 25, 2023 | Register

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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