

# 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
<a href="#">Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting</a>   Draft 1	<a href="#">Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll</a>	08/30/23	09/11/23
<b>NEW</b> <a href="#">Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination - Phase 2</a>   EOP-011-4 and TOP-002-5	<a href="#">Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll</a>	09/01/23	09/12/23
<a href="#">Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II</a>   Draft 1	<a href="#">Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll</a>	09/05/23	09/14/23
Join Ballot Pools			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
<a href="#">Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting</a>   Draft 1	<a href="#">Join Ballot Pools</a>	07/28/23	08/28/23
<a href="#">Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II</a>   Draft 1	<a href="#">Join Ballot Pools</a>	08/01/23	08/30/23

Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
<a href="#">Project 2023-05 – Modifications to FAC-001 and FAC-002</a>   SARs	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	08/09/23	09/07/23
<a href="#">Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting</a>   Draft 1	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	07/28/23	09/11/23
<b>NEW</b> <a href="#">Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination - Phase 2</a>   EOP-011-4 and TOP-002-5	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	08/24/23	09/12/23
<a href="#">Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II</a>   Draft 1	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	08/01/23	09/14/23
<b>NEW</b> <a href="#">Regional Reliability Standard (WECC)</a>   FAC-501-WECC-4 – Transmission Maintenance	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	08/16/23	09/29/23
<b>NEW</b> <a href="#">Regional Reliability Standard (WECC)</a>   VAR-501-WECC-4 – Power System Stabilizer	<a href="#">Comment Period</a>	08/16/23	09/29/23

Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p><b>NEW Comment Period Open for Draft Technical Justification Document and SAR on Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios:</b> A 45-day comment period for the <a href="#">SAR</a> and associated <a href="#">Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios</a> Technical Justification document developed by the ERO Enterprise is now open. The ERO Enterprise is seeking comments from key industry stakeholders including, but not limited to, organizations such as APPA, EEI, E-ISAC, ISO/RTO, NAGF, and NATF.</p> <p>ERO Enterprise staff will review comments from stakeholders received during the comment period and consider making revisions concerning the SAR and technical document. Following the consideration of comments, the SAR and technical document will be processed by NERC staff to request acceptance by the Standards Committee during its meeting on November 15, 2023.</p>	<p>Please submit comments via <a href="#">email</a> using the comment matrix forms below.</p> <p><a href="#">SAR – “Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios” - Comment Matrix</a></p> <p><a href="#">Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios - Comment Matrix</a></p>	08/22/23	10/06/23

## STANDARDS NEWS

### **NEW Webinar Resources Posted**

NERC has posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the August 15, 2023 Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting Industry Webinar.

### Quick Links

- [Register in the SBS](#)
- [Projected Standards Posting Schedule](#)
- [Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
- [2021–2023 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 Continued Improvement in Security Validation with Contacts – Changes Upcoming**

Maintaining security of the ERO Enterprise applications is improving, and there are several changes upcoming that will have an impact to contacts at registered entities.

1. Improved controls regarding application access or permissions.
2. Improved security validation with application access or permissions.
3. Improved notifications regarding application access or permissions.

### 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 and ERO SEL](#)

These changes will be rolled out within the next several months, including more information and outreach materials. In addition, an email will be sent this week directing Entity Administrators to review access permissions for their entity or entities and revoke permissions for those that have left the organization.

## OTHER NEWS

### **NEW Posted 2023 Southwest Utah Disturbance**

This [report](#) provides a comprehensive analysis of the 2023 Southwest Utah Disturbance, which resulted in a significant loss of solar power from nine facilities located outside of California. The objective of the report is to offer a detailed understanding of the causes and effects of the incident, which was classified as Category 1i within the [NERC Event Analysis Process](#). The report aims to provide a thorough and insightful overview of the incident, highlighting the key factors that contributed to its occurrence and the impact it had on the affected facilities.

### **NEW Collective Focus Imperative for Mitigating Emerging Risks to Grid Reliability**

Five significant evolving and interdependent risks—energy policy, grid transformation, resilience to extreme events, security risks and critical infrastructure interdependencies—are identified in the [2023 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report](#). Energy policy is a new risk profile and has broad implications across the risk profiles, the report notes, as it catalyzes changes and has the potential to amplify their effects. Consequently, energy policy can drive change in BPS planning and operations in short time periods, affecting reliability and resilience.

The report, which was accepted by the Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting, is a forward-looking view of current and projected risks to BPS reliability and presents the results of the Reliability Issues Steering Committee's (RISC) efforts to strategically define and prioritize risks to BPS reliability. [Full Announcement](#)

### **NEW Nomination Period Open for Exam Working Group**

The [Exam Working Group](#) (EWG) reports to the Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC). The NERC System Operator Certification Program is holding an [open nomination](#) to fill one vacancy on the EWG. The successful candidate will be expected to serve a two-year term and will develop and maintain the NERC System Operator Certification Program exams under the general guidelines set by the PCGC, attend and participate in up to two in-person EWG meetings a year, attend various conference calls, and participate in subcommittee tasks. Nominations are open to all interested parties and self-nominations are encouraged. If you are interested or know someone that is interested, please fill out the [nomination form](#) and email it to [Barb Nutter](#) by September 28, 2023.

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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

### **NEW NERC Filings**

On August 16, 2023, NERC submitted an [update](#) to its Inverter-Based Resources Work Plan as directed by FERC in its November 17, 2022 Order. You can find all of NERC's 2023 filings to FERC [here](#).

### **NEW Joint NERC, FERC Physical Security Technical Conference Announcements**

NERC and FERC hosted a joint Physical Security Technical Conference on August 10 at NERC's Atlanta office with approximately 100 in-person and more than 700 virtual attendees. NERC thanks all those who participated and observed the technical conference. NERC has posted a [recording](#) of the technical conference. In addition, NERC notes that FERC has invited post-technical conference comments. Details on the 30-day comment period and the issues to be addressed are included in the [notice](#).

## 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

- Electromagnetic Transient Boot Camp: System Impact Assessment – 1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | **Registration Closed**
- 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 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 - Phase II Webinar – 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern, August 28, 2023 | [Join WebEx](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Industry Webinar – 1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, August 30, 2023 | [Join WebEx](#)

### Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- 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](#).

- **NEW** Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern, August 28, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, August 28, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards Drafting Team Meeting – 3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, August 28, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, August 29, 2023 | [Register](#)

- **NEW** Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern, August 30, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002-4.1 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, August 30, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern, August 30, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards Drafting Team Meeting – 3:30–5:00 p.m. Eastern, August 30, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, September 5, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 5, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 6, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 7, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 12, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 21, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, September 22, 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](#)

## 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](mailto:amy.klagholz@nerc.gov) 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.