

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 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Draft 3 EOP-012-2	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	01/16/24	01/22/24

Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Posted for Comment

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Draft 3 EOP-012-2	Comment Period	01/10/24	01/22/24

Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>Comment Period Open for Draft Reliability Guideline: The Draft Reliability Guideline: Generating Unit Operations During Complete Loss of Communications – Clean outlines a coordinated operations strategy for the on-site generating unit(s) operator to stabilize system frequency when centralized guidance is not possible. The strategy is designed to keep frequency within allowable limits and continue safe operation of generators while maintaining acceptable frequency control. The Reliability Guideline is not applicable to generation connected to asynchronous loads or systems not normally part of one of the Interconnections. This guideline was written originally for staffed synchronous generation; however, the guidance may be applied to non-synchronous generation that has manual control capabilities and is capable of responding.</p> <p>The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) approved posting for a 45-day industry comment period. A draft version of the guideline has been posted on the Reliability Guidelines, Security Guidelines, Technical Reference Documents, and White Papers page.</p>	<p>Comments are to be submitted via email by 5:00 p.m. Eastern using the comment form.</p>	12/12/23	01/26/24
<p>Comment Period Open for Proposed Standard Authorization Request Clarity of the Imbalance Equation in PRC-006: This proposed SAR is designed to reduce the risk associated with different interpretations of the imbalance equation in PRC-006-3. Certain interpretations can lead to significant risks in the design of the UFLS program under high Distributed Energy Resources (DER) penetrations. The project also aims to minimize the risk of DER tripping causing adjacent Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) relay action on armed feeders. This can be achieved by adopting consistent modeling practices, similar to other stability depictions, for the UFLS database.</p>	<p>Submit comments via email using the comment form.</p>	01/10/24	02/24/24

<p>The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) approved posting for a 45-day industry comment period. A draft version of the proposed SAR has been posted on the Reliability Guidelines, Security Guidelines, Technical Reference Documents, and White Papers page.</p>			
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STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the January 11, 2024 Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination webinar.

NEW Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll Results for Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring

Initial ballots and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security concluded at 8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, January 17, 2024 for CIP-007-X – Cyber Security – Systems Security Management and Implementation Plan. Voting statistics are listed below, and the [Ballot Results](#) page provides the detailed results. The drafting team will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project.

Quick Links

- [Register in the SBS](#)
- [Standards Project Prioritization \(November 2023\)](#)
- [Projected Standards Posting Schedule](#)
- [Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
- [2023-2025 Reliability Standards Development Plan \(Filed With FERC\)](#)
- [Quality Review Application](#)
- [One-Stop Shop \(Status, Purpose, Implementation Plans, FERC Orders, RSAWs\)](#)
- [Submit Questions or Feedback](#)

	Ballot	Non-binding Poll
Standard	Quorum / Approval	Quorum / Supportive Opinions
CIP-007-X	82.03% / 15.42%	83.4% / 11.98%
Implementation Plan	83.86% / 44.89%	N/A

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW NERC Posts Revised CIP Evidence Request Tool

NERC posted a revised [ERO Enterprise CIP Evidence Request Tool](#) (ERT), which is a common request for information tool for CIP Compliance monitoring engagements. The purpose of the CIP ERT is to help ERO Enterprise with consistency and transparency in its audit approach. It will also help responsible entities (especially those that operate in multiple regions) fulfill these requests more efficiently, by understanding what types of evidence are useful in preparation for an audit. Changes made to the tool include routine periodic update to incorporate revised CIP Standards, correct any identified errors in the previous version, and the addition of a SEL Reference ID.

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](#)

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)
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 Implementation Plan
	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)
July 1, 2025	IRO-010-5 – Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan
	TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection Implementation Plan
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security – Security Management Controls

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW NERC Submits Comprehensive Work Plan Addressing FERC Order 901 Directives

NERC has submitted a comprehensive [Standards Development Work Plan](#) in support of NERC's 2024 work plan priorities around inverter-based resource reliability risks and to address directives from [FERC Order 901](#). The work plan explains how NERC will prioritize the development of projects consistent with the timelines specified in the order, with full implementation of the resulting standards by 2030.

NEW NERC Filings

On January 18, 2024, NERC submitted the [Internal Network Security Monitoring Feasibility Study Report](#) as directed by FERC in Order No. 887.

You can find all filings to FERC for 2024 [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 2024 – October 22–25, 2024, Minneapolis, Minnesota | Save the Date

Webinars

There are no webinars currently scheduled.

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- Member Representatives Committee Informational Session – 1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern, January 24, 2024 | [Register](#) | **NEW** [Agenda](#)
- Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern, January 25, 2024 | [Register](#) | **NEW** [Agenda Package](#)
- Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee Meetings – February 14–15, 2024, Houston, Texas | [In-person Registration](#) | [Virtual Registration](#)
- Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) Meeting – March 12–13, 2024, San Diego, CA | [Register](#)

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 2022-04 – EMT Modeling Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, January 22, 2024 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 - Phase II Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, January 23, 2024 | [Register](#)
- Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, January 25, 2024 | [Register](#)
- Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Drafting Team Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, January 26, 2024 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, January 26, 2024 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, January 29, 2024 | [Register](#)
- Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, January 29, 2024 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 - Phase II Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, January 30, 2024 | [Register](#)
- Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Drafting Team Meeting – January 30–February 1, 2024, Atlanta | [Register](#)
- Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Drafting Team Meeting – January 30–February 1, 2024, Palm Beach Gardens, FL | [Register](#)
- Project 2023-02 – Analysis and Mitigation of BES Inverter-Based Resource Performance Issues Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Eastern, January 30, 2024 | [Register](#)
- Project 2023-02 – Analysis and Mitigation of BES Inverter-Based Resource Performance Issues Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Eastern, January 31, 2024 | [Register](#)
- Project 2023-02 – Analysis and Mitigation of BES Inverter-Based Resource Performance Issues Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, February 1, 2024 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, February 2, 2024 | [Register](#)
- Project 2022-04 – EMT Modeling Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, February 5, 2024 | [Register](#)

- **NEW** Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, February 12, 2024 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008 Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, February 13, 2024 | [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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