

# Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

February 26–March 3, 2024

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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 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources   Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	03/01/24	03/11/24	
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003   Draft 2	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	03/05/24	03/14/24	
NEW Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators   Draft 2 of IBR Glossary Terms	Additional Ballots	03/29/24	04/08/24	
Join Ballot Pools				
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	

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Posted for Comment				
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources   Draft 1	Comment Period	01/25/24	03/11/24	
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003   Draft 2	Comment Period	01/30/24	03/14/24	
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting   Draft 2	Comment Period	02/12/24	03/27/24	
NEW Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators   Draft 2 of IBR Glossary Terms	Comment Period	02/22/24	04/08/24	

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# **STANDARDS NEWS**

# **NEW Standards Committee Nomination Results and Special Election**

The Standards Committee (SC) nomination period for the special election for Segment 7 to fill the remainder of the 2024–2025 term closed February 12, 2024. Maggy Powell was nominated to represent Segment 7.

An election began on February 22, 2024 and will close on March 4, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. Each individual or entity that is a **member of Segment 7** may vote. Detailed information on each candidate is posted on the <u>Standards Committee's</u> <u>Nominations and Elections web page.</u> Click <u>here</u> to vote if you represent Segment 7. Proxies are allowed; proxy designations should be emailed to <u>Dominique Love</u> prior to voting.

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

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#### **NEW Webinar Resources Posted**

NERC posted the <u>slide presentation</u> and <u>recording</u> from the February 20, 2024 Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003 Industry Webinar.

# **GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS**

#### **NEW Align Planned Maintenance**

The ERO Enterprise has scheduled the Align system to be down for planned maintenance starting from March 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern (6:00 a.m. Pacific) through March 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern (2:00 p.m. Pacific). 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 <u>Align and SEL web page</u>. This scheduled maintenance will include system changes that will be documented in the March 4 Release Notes.

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

# **OTHER NEWS**

**NEW NERC 2023 Year-in-Review Video and E-ISAC 2023 End-of-Year Report Reflect Positive ERO Response to Challenging Year** NERC's <u>2023 Year-in-Review</u> video highlights the criticality of the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise's collective mission and vision of assuring the reliability, resilience and security of the North American bulk power system during a time of extraordinary transformation. The video highlights key accomplishments from the past year spanning NERC's four key focus areas—Energy, Security, Agility and Sustainability— and features opening and closing remarks from NERC President and CEO Jim Robb.

The Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC), which this year celebrates its 25th Anniversary also released its <u>2023 End-of-Year Report</u> (EOY). The EOY summarizes the E-ISAC's accomplishments against a challenging cyber and physical threat backdrop and provides an overview of key activities, the strides made in enhanced information sharing between E-ISAC's government partners in the United States and Canada and its members as well as a look ahead to 2024.

Speaking about the year-end reviews at the recent NERC Board of Trustees meeting, Robb said, "These two products provide an overview of progress on our work plan priorities in a very engaging, accessible way — something stakeholders have told us they are looking for."

# 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-023-6 – 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	
	Note: In accordance with FERC's February 2023 approval order, NERC submitted a revised implementation plan for the EOP-012	
	standard on February 16, 2024, and it is pending FERC approval.	
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	<u>CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security — Security Management Controls</u>	

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

There is no additional Board or FERC action to report for this week.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full accounting of upcoming events, please refer to the <u>NERC Calendar</u>.

Workshops and Conferences				
Event Time Date Location Registration				
GridSecCon 2024	All day	October 22–25	Minneapolis, MN	Save the Date

Webinars			
Event	Time	Date	Registration

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls				
Event Time Date Location and Registration				
Reliability and Security Technical Committee Meeting	All day	March 12–13	San Diego, CA	
NEW Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m3:00 p.m. Central	March 20	Houston, TX	

<b>Standard Drafting Team Meetings</b> Please refer to the <u>Standards</u> calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.				
Project	Time	Date	Registration	
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	February 26	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2022-02 – Modifications to TPL-001 and MOD-032	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	February 26	Details	
NEW Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	12:30–2:30 p.m. Eastern	March 1	Details	
Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 1	Details	
NEW Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 7	Details	
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 11	<b>Details</b>	
NEW Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 14	Details	
NEW Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	March 15	Details	
NEW Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	Details	
NEW Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008	1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	<u>Details</u>	



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# NEW Project 2021-03 – CIP-002 12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern March 22

# 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 <u>Amy Klagholz</u> with feedback on this bulletin. The current bulletin and old bulletins are available under "Program News" on both the <u>Standards home page</u> and the <u>Compliance & Enforcement home page</u>.

**REGISTRATION**: If you would like to receive this bulletin or be added to a NERC distribution list, you <u>must</u> first register an account in the <u>ERO</u> <u>Portal</u>. Once you have registered your ERO Portal account, authenticated your credentials with DUO, and completed your profile, please submit a ticket through the <u>Help Desk</u> 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 "<u>Committee</u>" 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.