

# Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin March 11–17, 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			
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	
Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM)   Draft 1 of CIP-015-1	Initial Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	03/12/24	03/18/24	
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	

## **RELIABILITY | RESILIENCE | SECURITY**

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Posted for Comment					
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date		
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	Comment Period	01/25/24	03/11/24		
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003   Draft 2	<u>Comment Period</u>	01/30/24	03/14/24		
Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM)   Draft 1 of CIP-015-1	Comment Period	02/27/24	03/18/24		
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting   Draft 2	<u>Comment Period</u>	02/12/24	03/27/24		
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 Webinar Resources Posted**

NERC posted the <u>slide presentation</u> and <u>recording</u> from the March 6, 2024 Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM) Industry Webinar.

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

The Standards Committee nomination period to fill the vacancy in Segment 7 for 2024–2025 closed February 12, 2024. A special election was held from February 22– March 4, 2024. After verification of the votes cast, the following election results are considered final. Maggy Powell received the majority vote and was elected to fill the 2024–2025 term. The <u>2024–2025 Standard Committee Segment Representative</u> <u>Roster</u> reflects these results.

## 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

#### **GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS**

#### **NEW** Cold Weather Preparedness Small Group Advisory Sessions Announced

The week of May 6, NERC will host virtual small group advisory sessions (SGAS) with registered entities and the Regional Entities to assess the implementation of the Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness Standard, EOP-012-2, which was filed with FERC on February 16, 2024. The event will consist of two parts:

• General Session Live Webinar: A general interest session will be held to discuss EOP-012-2. Registration for a one-on-one session is not necessary to participate in this general session.

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		

• SGAS One-on-One Sessions: Closed, one-on-one discussions between a registered entity's subject matter experts and ERO Enterprise staff about issues pertinent to that entity's implementation of EOP-012-2 and any other cold weather-related concerns. Registered entities will be asked to provide specific questions and discussion topics prior to the scheduled one-on-one session. NERC will schedule



#### Registration

- SGAS One-on-One Sessions: NERC will accept SGAS one-on-one registrations on a first-come, first-serve basis; so, if the number of requests exceeds the time allotted, NERC will coordinate alternative arrangements.
  - There is no limit to the number of SMEs who can participate in SGAS sessions.
  - NERC will notify those who request a SGAS of their appointment time so the registered entity can make staff arrangements accordingly.
  - Send SGAS registration requests to <u>derek.kassimer@nerc.net</u>. Registration is free and is required by March 22, 2024, with the following information:
    - Contact name and information.
    - Entity Name(s)
    - o NCR(s)
    - Region(s) Registered.
    - If the requester intends to represent multiple entities, contact information for someone at each entity represented.
    - Preferred time(s) for appointment. (Morning/Afternoon)
- General Session Live Webinar: Workshop is open to industry.
  - Webinar announcement will be sent prior to the workshop/webinar.



#### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **NEW Nomination Period Open for Credential Maintenance Working Group**

The NERC System Operator Certification Program is holding an open nomination to fill one vacancy on the <u>Credential Maintenance Working</u> <u>Group</u> (CMWG). The successful candidate is expected to serve a two-year term.

The <u>Personnel Certification Governance Committee Nomination Task Force</u> & CMWG Chair will consider nominees with the following qualifications:

- Experience in the electric utility industry. Parallel experience of training in the electric utility industry will suffice for both training and industry experience. Experience in NERC Certified system operator training is desired.
- Advanced training expertise, preferably in the bulk transmission system and Bulk Electric System operations.
- Knowledge and experience applying a systematic approach to training.
- Knowledge regarding reliable operations within their organizations.

Please submit the nomination form by April 18, 2024.

#### **NEW 2024 NERC-NATF-EPRI Extreme Weather Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop Announced**

NERC, the North American Transmission Forum (NATF), and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) will be holding in-person workshop on transmission planning for extreme weather on May 29–30, 2024. This workshop will focus on discussing the implications of FERC Order No. 896 and the upcoming TPL-008 standard regarding extreme weather impacts on transmission planning. The workshop will bring together climate experts from National Labs and Agencies who will discuss the science behind climate impacted weather data in the long-term transmission planning timeframe.

Key topics include:

- Data sources for event definition historical and projected datasets.
- Key considerations for extreme heat and extreme cold events.
- Coordination across areas based on selection of the benchmark event.
- Capturing asset vulnerabilities data sources, availability, and approaches.
- Building benchmark planning cases methods and important considerations.
- Extreme Temperature Assessment study process and the need for corrective action plans.



• Approaches and tools needed to build power flow cases.

The event will be held in person, and a detailed agenda will be provided later. Please reach out to <u>Aguarin Iriarte</u> if you have any concerns or questions about the event. Registration details are available under <u>Upcoming Events</u>.

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		
	VAR-501-WECC-4 – Power System Stabilizer		
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		
Luke 1, 2025	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		
October 1, 2025	NEWLY ADDED TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning   Implementation Plan		
April 1, 2026	<u>CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security — Security Management Controls</u>		



#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION**

#### **NEW NERC Filings**

On March 8, 2024, NERC submitted for FERC approval two new, thirty modified, and four retired definitions of terms related to the calculation of Reporting Area Control Error (Reporting ACE), for inclusion in the Glossary of Terms used in NERC Reliability Standards. Filings to FERC for 2024

#### **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
NEW 2024 NERC-NATF-EPRI Extreme Weather Transmission	All day	May 29–30	Dallas, TX	<u>Details</u>
Planning and Modeling Workshop				
GridSecCon 2024	All day	October 22–25	Minneapolis, MN	Save the Date

Webinars					
Event Time Date Registration					
NEW Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	12:00–1:00 p.m. Eastern	March 12	<u>Details</u>		

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   Agenda Package   Informational Session Agenda Package
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 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	March 11	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 14	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	March 15	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008	1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	March 21	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 22	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	March 22	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	March 25	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	March 26	<b>Details</b>	
NEW Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003	1:00–6:00 p.m. Eastern	April 2	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Eastern	April 3	<u>Details</u>	

#### 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>.

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