

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 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
NEW Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II Draft 2	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Poll	04/02/24	04/11/24
Join Ballot Pools			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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	Comment Period	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
NEW Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II Draft 2	Comment Period	03/18/24	04/11/24

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STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the March 12, 2024 Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting Industry Webinar.

NEW Initial Ballot and Non-binding Poll Results for Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources

The initial ballots and non-binding poll of the Associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for draft one of BAL-007-1 – Energy Reliability Assessments concluded **March 11, 2024**. 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
	Quorum / Approval	Quorum / Supportive Opinions
BAL-007-1	89.81% / 6.08%	86.59% / 5.49%
Implementation Plan	89.49% / 11.58%	N/A

NEW Additional Ballot and Non-binding Poll Results for Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003

The additional ballots and non-binding poll of the Associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for draft two of CIP-003-A – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls concluded **March 14, 2024**. 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.

	Ballot	Non-binding Poll
	Quorum / Approval	Quorum / Supportive Opinions
CIP-003-A	91.1% / 60.34%	87.14% / 60.1%
Implementation Plan	90.78% / 60.95%	N/A

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

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.**
- **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 the one-on-one sessions after registration is received and is coordinated with Regional Entity staff. **Registration for these one-on-one sessions must be received by NERC by Friday, March 22, 2024.**

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](#)

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 derek.kassimer@nerc.net. **Registration is free and is required by March 22, 2024, with the following information:**
 - Contact name and information.
 - Entity Name(s)
 - 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 Credential Maintenance Program Provider Fee to Increase in 2025 and 2026

Due to future program changes that will require enhancements to SOCCED, the Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC) voted to increase Provider program fees using a phased-in approach beginning **January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026**.

The PCGC reviewed the services and products provided by the system operator certification, renewal, and provider areas, as it related to the income generated and the expenses occurred through the program. The PCGC concluded to not adjust the System Operator fees for exams and renewals at this time, and to further align services provided to the cost for those services, the PCGC will raise fees only on the Program Providers.

The increase to each provider’s renewal fee is based on the level, as it is related to the cost impact of the service; thus, a

different percentage of increase for each of the program’s provider offerings. This weighted process was chosen to more accurately reflect the costs that are directly associated with the offerings and support of provider-related products. The PCGC applied a phased-in approach to allow providers to budget accordingly. For more information or assistance, please contact the [SOCCED Help Center](#).

Two-Year Phased-In Provider Program Fee Increases				
Fee Type	Renewal Frequency	2024	Effective 1/1/2025	Effective 1/1/2026
Level 1 - Transcript Reviewer Fees	Annual	\$75	\$163	\$250
Level 2 - Provider Fees	Annual	\$165	\$333	\$500
Level 3 - Provider Fees	Every 3 years	\$400	\$950	\$1,500
Provider Hourly Course Fees	Per CEH	\$60	\$80	\$100

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	VAR-501-WECC-4 – Power System Stabilizer
	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
October 1, 2025	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning Implementation Plan
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security – Security Management Controls

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW Q2 2024 Board and Board Committee Meetings

NERC's second quarter Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee meetings are scheduled for May 8–9, 2024 and will be conducted in a hybrid format. **All observers will attend virtually**—only Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee members will attend in-person at NERC's Washington, D.C. office.

NEW NERC Filings

On March 13, 2024, NERC submitted an [informational filing](#) as directed by FERC in its February 20, 2020 Order. This filing contains a status update on one standard development project relating to the CIP Reliability Standards. [Filings to FERC for 2024](#)

NEW FERC Open Meeting Agenda

FERC released the [Sunshine Open Agenda](#) for its upcoming [March 21](#) meeting. There is one item of interest for NERC related to its responsibilities under section 215 of the Federal Power Act: E-1 – RM22-14-001 – Improvements to Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full accounting of upcoming events, please refer to the [NERC Calendar](#).

Workshops and Conferences

Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
2024 NERC-NATF-EPRI Extreme Weather Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop	All day	May 29–30	Dallas, TX	Details
GridSecCon 2024	All day	October 22–25	Minneapolis, MN	Save the Date

Webinars

Event	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Project 2020-06 – Verification of Models and Data for Generators Inverter-based Resource (IBR) Definitions	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	March 22	Details

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

Event	Time	Date	Location and Registration
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Central	March 20	Houston, TX
NEW Q2 2024 Board and Board Committee Meetings	Schedule of Events	May 8–9	Virtual

Standard Drafting Team Meetings

Please refer to the [Standards](#) calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.

Project	Time	Date	Registration
Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	Details
Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008	1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	March 18	Details
NEW Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 21	Details
Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	March 21	Details
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	March 22	Details
Project 2021-03 – CIP-002	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 22	Details
Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	March 22	Details

Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	March 25	Details
NEW Project 2023-06 – Modifications to CIP-014	All day	March 26–28	Details
NEW Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring	1:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	March 26	Details
NEW Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	March 28	Details
NEW Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	March 28	Details
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003	1:00–6:00 p.m. Eastern	April 2	Details
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Eastern	April 3	Details
NEW Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	April 11	Details

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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