

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 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	06/24/24	07/03/24
Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Draft 2	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Polls	06/18/24	07/08/24
Project 2023-02 – Analysis and Mitigation of BES Inverter-Based Resource Performance Issues Draft 2	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	07/01/24	07/10/24
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003 Draft 3	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	07/02/24	07/11/24

Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services Standard Authorization Request	Comment Period	05/10/24	07/01/24
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement Draft 1	Comment Period	05/20/24	07/03/24
Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Draft 2	Comment Period	06/18/24	07/08/24
Project 2023-02 – Analysis and Mitigation of BES Inverter-Based Resource Performance Issues Draft 2	Comment Period	06/07/24	07/10/24
Project 2023-04 – Modifications to CIP-003 Draft 3	Comment Period	06/12/24	07/11/24

Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
Proposed Data Request on Cold Weather Generator Data Collection Posted for Comment: Pursuant to NERC Rules of Procedure Section 1600, NERC is posting a proposed data request regarding generators’ operation during cold weather for a 45-day comment period. The proposed data request is in response to a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission directive to develop a plan to collect data on the winterization of generating units and to submit an annual informational filing on the analysis of the data.	Please submit comments using the comment matrix .	06/14/24	07/29/24
Comment Period Open for Draft Technical Reference Document: The RSTC held a very successful set of meetings on June 11–12, 2024. As an outcome of these meetings, the RSTC approved the posting of the Draft Technical Reference Document: Considerations for Performing an Energy Reliability Assessment – Vol 2 for an 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 .	Please submit comments via email using the comment form .	06/17/24	08/16/24

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Balloting and Non-Binding Poll Results for Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources

The additional ballots for BAL-007-1 – Near-term Energy Reliability Assessments and initial ballots for BAL-008-1 – Seasonal Energy Reliability Assessments and their non-binding polls of the Associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels concluded June 24, 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
Standard	Quorum / Approval	Quorum / Supportive Opinions
BAL-007-1	81.89% / 17.19%	79.27% / 10.37%
BAL-007-1 Implementation Plan	81.71% / 19.04%	N/A
BAL-008-1	79.3% / 16.84%	75.84% / 9.21%
BAL-008-1 Implementation Plan	78.5% / 15.51%	N/A

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

UPDATED Program Alignment/Consistency Reporting Tool Webinar Posted

The [recording](#) from the May 22, 2024 Program Alignment/Consistency Reporting Tool webinar has been posted on the NERC website. The tool is available for anyone to report consistency issues within the ERO Enterprise. This tool is part of the ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Process intended to enhance efforts to identify, prioritize, and resolve alignment issues across the ERO Enterprise. NERC implemented the Consistency Reporting Tool using a third-party application, which allows stakeholders to submit consistency issues anonymously, if desired. The webinar focused on the Program Alignment process, and provided step-by-step instructions related to the use of the Consistency Reporting Tool.

NEW Align Guidance Posted

Guidance has been [posted on the Align web page](#) to aid registered entities in the submittal of Self-Reports/Self-Logs and Mitigation records. The guidance document provides helpful reminder steps to manage their Self-Reports/Self-Logs and Mitigation records. The document includes steps to review draft Self-Report/Self-Log findings, either submit the finding or delete it, submit draft Mitigation records to the CEA for review, and submit Mitigation records to the CEA for Verification review.

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 ITCS Overview Provides Foundational Look at Study Approach

A strong, flexible transmission system that is capable of coping with a wide variety of conditions is key for the reliable supply and delivery of electricity. In recognition of the crucial role that transmission adequacy plays, Congress, in its [Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023](#), directed NERC to conduct the Interregional Transfer Capability Study (ITCS). Since that mandate, NERC has made progress on addressing this complex initiative. The *ITCS Overview of Study Need and Approach*, which is the first of four planned ITCS reports, provides the foundation for the overall project by detailing transfer capability calculations and the methodology used to make recommendations for prudent additions. In addition to the *Overview* the project will consist of the following reports:

- **Transfer Capability Analysis (Part 1):** Describes the total transfer capability between neighboring Transmission Planning Regions (August)

- **Prudent Additions (Part 2) and Recommendations (Part 3):** Identifies “prudent additions” to transfer capability between neighboring areas and the recommendations to meet and maintain transfer capability (November)
- **Canadian Analysis:** Evaluates transfer capabilities from the United States to Canada and between Canadian provinces (Q1 2025)

The ITCS is crucial to the future of reliability. All project information is available on the [ITCS web page](#). [Full Announcement](#) | [Overview of Study Need and Approach](#) | [Infographic](#) | [Video](#)

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)
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
October 1, 2025	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning Implementation Plan
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security – Security Management Controls
July 1, 2026	CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW FERC Open Meeting Action

At its monthly open meeting, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order approving Reliability Standard EOP-012-2 – Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations. The order also directs NERC to develop and submit modifications to EOP-012-2 within nine months. In addition, FERC announced a [dashboard](#) that will track the status of recommendations from past FERC-NERC-Regional Entity analyses of performance during winter storms.

In other NERC action, FERC withdrew a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposed changing from five years to three years the timeline that NERC, in its role as the Electric Reliability Organization, is required to provide an assessment of past performance. NERC is currently preparing its assessment covering the period from 2019–2023.

FERC also approved revisions to the NERC Rules of Procedures to address owners and operators of bulk power system-connected inverter-based resources (IBR) that previously were not required to register with NERC under the Bulk Electric System definition, subject to submitting a compliance filing. Visit NERC’s [Quick Reference Guide](#) to learn more about the IBR Registration Initiative and available resources. NERC appreciates FERC’s focus on reliability matters and will continue to work toward assuring the reliability and security of the North American bulk power system.

NEW NERC Filings

On June 24, 2024, NERC submitted to FERC a [Petition](#) for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standard CIP-015-1 (Cyber-Security – Internal Network Security Monitoring). [Filings to FERC for 2024](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Workshops and Conferences

Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance Draft Team Workshop	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Mountain	August 6	Salt Lake City, UT (WECC Office)	In-Person Registration (closes July)

				22 Virtual Registration WECC Travel Guide
GridSecCon 2024	All day	October 22–25	Minneapolis, MN	Save the Date

Webinars

Event	Time	Date	Registration
FERC Order No. 901 Milestone 3	12:00–1:00 p.m. Eastern	July 10	Details

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

Event	Time	Date	Registration
Member Representatives Committee Informational Session	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	July 17	Details
Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting	2:00–5:00 p.m. Pacific 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Pacific	July 24–25	Day 1: Virtual Registration In-Person Day 2 Virtual Registration In-Person

Standard Drafting Team Meetings

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

Project	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 - Phase II	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 3	Details
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 8	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	July 8	Details
Project 2023-06 – Modifications to CIP-014	See Details	July 9–11	Details
Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002	9:00–11:00 a.m. Eastern	July 9	Details
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	July 12	Details
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	July 15	Details
Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	2:00–3:45 p.m. Eastern	July 16	Details

NEW Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	July 19	Details
NEW Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern	July 22	Details
NEW Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	July 22	Details
NEW Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	July 24	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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