

Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

September 22–28, 2025

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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
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Posted for Comment

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
2025-03 – Order No. 901 Operational Studies SAR	Comment Period	8/26/2025	10/1/2025
2025-04 – Order No. 901 Planning Studies SAR	Comment Period	8/26/2025	10/1/2025
NEW WECC – Proposed Retirement of BAL-002-WECC-3	Comment Period	9/16/2025	10/30/2025

Standard Drafting Team Nominations

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment

Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
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STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Posted: Lesson Learned

One new [lesson learned](#) has been posted on the NERC website on the Lessons Learned page. The new lesson addresses the topic of [IBR Control Interactions and Oscillatory Events](#).

Quick Links

[Register in the SBS](#)
[Standards Project Prioritization \(June 2025\)](#)
[Projected Posting Schedule](#)
[Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#)
[2025-2027 Reliability Standards Development Plan \(Filed With FERC\)](#)
[One-Stop Shop \(Status, Purpose, Implementation Plans, FERC Orders, RSAWs\)](#)
[Submit Questions or Feedback](#)

MODERNIZATION OF STANDARDS PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES TASK FORCE (MSPPTF) NEWS

There is no additional MSPPTF news to report on this week

Quick Links

[MSPPTF Web Page](#)
[Resolution](#)
[FAQs](#)
[One-Page Summary](#)
[MSPPTF White Paper](#)
[MSPPTF External Engagements](#)
[September Update](#)
[July 21 Webinar Recording](#)
[MSPPTF White Paper Stakeholder Feedback - August 2025](#)

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 September 26, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern (5:00 p.m. Pacific) through September 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern (7:00 a.m. Pacific) (return to online status time is subject to change pending maintenance activities). 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 [Align and SEL web page](#). The maintenance will take place for approximately 60 minutes during this timeframe.

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 Webinar Kicks Off Stakeholder Feedback Opportunity on NERC's New Website

Share your voice on NERC's new website! We're kicking off our Stakeholder Feedback Opportunity for the new NERC.com with a public webinar at 1:00 p.m. Eastern September 22—and we hope you'll attend. While we are still putting some finishing touches on the website before we launch, the webinar will walk you through the redesigned site, focused on improving your experience as a user. We will highlight key functionality improvements, new sections to keep you better informed and engaged, and provide instructions on how to submit feedback during the two-week feedback period (September 22–October 3).

The NERC.com Modernization Project represents a transformation in how we share information, engage with stakeholders, and support our mission. One of NERC's 2025 [Work Plan Priorities](#), this upgrade will make it easier for you to find information on key NERC initiatives and activities in support of our efforts to promote reliability, resilience, and security across the North American grid.

Your Voice Matters

The insights you provide will help us refine the site ahead of our launch and will be used to prioritize our efforts for future phases. This site was designed with you, our valued partners, in mind. We invite you to attend the webinar, explore the new features, and share your feedback.

[Register](#) for the webinar today. Visit the [NERC.com Modernization Resource Hub](#) for more information.

NEW User Attestation Feature Release for ERO Portal

On 9/25/2025, the ERO Enterprise plans to release a new feature to the ERO Portal that will notify Entity Administrators to verify their permissions for users. The purpose of the verification is to ensure that entity users are kept current in the ERO Portal. The ERO Enterprise ERO Portal has approximately 2,500 changes per year to contact roles and permissions. Each entity is responsible for keeping their permissions up to date when there are changes to users and this notification is to support the regular updating of user permissions.

The feature update is easy and intuitive. The system is set up so that if the entity has more than one Entity Administrator, that any of the Entity Administrators can do this verification. Upon logging into [ERO Portal](#), Entity Administrators will see a "New Notifications!" Alert at the top of the screen by their username. Clicking User Confirmation Required will bring the Entity Administrator to the Manage Entity Users screen where they can review and update permissions for their entity. Once complete, clicking the Confirm button will complete User Attestation.

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 table below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards		
U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)	Phased-In (Y/N)
October 1, 2025	BAL-004-WECC-4 – Automatic Time Error Correction Implementation Plan	No
	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning Implementation Plan	No
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls Implementation Plan	No
	TPL-008-1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Temperature Events Implementation Plan	Yes
July 1, 2026	CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security–Communications between Control Centers Implementation Plan	No
October 1, 2026	PRC-030-1 – Unexpected Inverter-Based Resource Event Mitigation	Yes
April 1, 2027	BAL-007-1 – Near-term Energy Reliability Assessments Implementation Plan	No
October 1, 2028	CIP-015-1 – Cyber Security – Internal Network Security Monitoring Implementation Plan	No

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW FERC Approves Proposed Revisions to Extreme Cold Weather Reliability Standard

Several NERC items were addressed during the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) monthly open meeting today. FERC issued an [order](#) approving proposed revisions to Extreme Cold Weather Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 (Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations). The revised standard, which is effective October 1, 2025, represents a meaningful step forward in addressing the risks posed by cold weather and strengthening generator preparedness and performance through clearer and more effective requirements. The order also directs NERC to file comprehensive informational filings every two years, beginning in October 2026 and continuing through October 2034, to assess the adequacy of the standard’s ability to address reliability concerns and inform potential future modifications. FERC also issued two Notices of Proposed Rulemaking related to [Virtualization Reliability Standards](#) and to [Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standard CIP-003-11 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls](#). In addition, FERC issued a final rule on Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards Revisions: [Equipment and Services Produced or Provided by Certain Entities Identified as Risks to National Security](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Workshops and Conferences

Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration
BES Protection System Misoperation Reduction Workshop	All Day	October 7–8	Salt Lake City, UT (WECC Office)	Details
GridSecCon 2025	All Day	October 7–10	Las Vegas, NV	Details
2025 Electromagnetic Transient Simulation Workshop	All Day	October 7–9	Knoxville, TN	Details
NEW Dynamic Load Modeling Virtual Workshop	12:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	October 20	Virtual	Details
Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference	All Day	October 21–22	Little Rock, AR	Details
BES Operating Agility Workshop	All day	October 22–23	Little Rock, AR	Details
FERC Order No. 909 Virtual Technical Workshop	All Day	November 5	Virtual	Save the Date

Webinars

Event	Time	Date	Registration
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008	12:30–2:00 p.m. Eastern	September 22	Details
BCSI in the Cloud Webinar	1:00–1:45 p.m. Eastern	September 29	Details

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

Event	Time	Date	Registration
Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 15	Virtual
RSTC Conference Call	3:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	October 29	Virtual
Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19	Virtual
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 9	Virtual

ERO Enterprise Events			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
SERC System Operator Conference	All Day	October 14–16	Details

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 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	September 22	Details
Project 2022-02 – Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	September 22	Details
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	September 22	Details
Project 2023-06 CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	September 23	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services	3:30–5:00 p.m. Eastern	September 23	Details
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	September 24	Details
Project 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	September 24	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	September 25	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	September 25	Details
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	September 26	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	September 29	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-Party Cloud Services Drafting	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	September 30	Details
Project 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	October 1	Details
Project 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	October 3	Details
Project 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	October 8	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	October 9	Details
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	October 10	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	October 13	Details
Project 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	October 15	Details
Project 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	October 17	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	October 23	Details
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	October 24	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	October 27	Details

NEW Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern	November 7	Details
NEW Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	November 14	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 [Maureen Murtha](#) 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](#).

REGISTRATION: If you would like to receive this bulletin or be added to a NERC distribution list, you **must** first register an account in the [ERO Portal](#). Once you have registered your ERO Portal account, authenticated your credentials with DUO, and completed your profile, please submit a ticket through the [Help Desk](#) 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 “[Committee](#)” 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 are interested in, you may request those as well. If you are 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.