

# Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

June 30-July 7, 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	
<u>Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators</u>   Modeling Definitions Final Ballot	<u>Final Ballots</u>	6/30/2025	7/9/2025	
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement   Draft 3	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	7/11/2025	7/21/2025	
Posted fo	r Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	
Project 2021-03 – CIP-002   SAR	Comment Period	6/10/2025	7/9/2025	
Project 2023-07 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather – Phase II   SAR	Comment Period	6/13/2025	7/14/2025	
Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement   Draft 3	Comment Period	6/6/2025	7/21/2025	

Standard Drafting Team Nominations				
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	
Project 2023-08 – Modifications of MOD-031 Demand and Energy	Submit Nominations	3/20/2025	6/30/2025	
<u>Data</u>				
<b>UPDATED</b> Project 2025-01 – Canadian-Specific Revisions to EOP-012-3	Submit Nominations	5/28/2025	7/10/2025	
NEW Project 2017 – 01 Modifications to BAL-003 - Phase II	Submit Nominations	6/16/2025	7/15/2025	
NEW Project 2023 – 07 Transmission System Planning Performance	<b>Submit Nominations</b>	6/18/2025	7/17/2025	
Requirements for Extreme Weather – Phase II				

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS			
Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	<b>End Date</b>

## **STANDARDS NEWS**

# **NEW Initial Ballot Results for Project 2020-06**

On June 18, the initial ballots and non-binding poll of the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators concluded. The voting statistics are listed below, and the details can be accessed on the <u>Ballot Results</u> page.

	Ballot	Non-binding Poll
Standard	Quorum / Approval	Quorum / Supportive Opinions
MOD-026-2	89.30% / 32.47%	86.64% / 34.76%
Implementation Plan	88.81% / 40.22%	86.64% / 34.76%

# **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** 

The drafting team will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project. For information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the <u>Standard Processes Manual</u>. For assistance, contact Standards Developer, <u>Josh Blume</u>.

#### **NEW Standards Committee Election Announcement**

Due to a recent vacancy for Segment 6 there will be another election held to fill the remaining term (2024–2025). Registered Ballot Body (RBB) members and others interested in NERC Reliability Standards are encouraged to submit nominations for industry segment representatives on the SC. Reliability Standards are mandatory for all bulk power system owners, operators, and users in North America, and the SC's oversight role is therefore increasingly important.

The SC consists of two members from each of the 10 Industry Segments that make up the Registered Ballot Body. In addition, Appendix 3B of the Rules of Procedure contains special provisions to be used to achieve a balance of representation between the United States and Canada. The SC is elected by industry stakeholders and reports directly to the NERC Board of Trustees. The SC meets up to 12 times each year, with four face-to-face meetings and the remainder by conference call. The Standards Committee Charter provides a description of the SC's responsibilities.

To be eligible for nomination, a nominee shall be an employee or agent of an entity registered in the applicable Segment. To allow verification of affiliation, a nominee must be a registered user in the NERC Registered Ballot Body (RBB). It is not required that the nominee be the same person as the entity's Registered Ballot Body representative for the applicable Segment. Instructions are provided in the Election of Members of the NERC Standards Committee Procedure, and nomination forms are posted on the Standards Committee Election web page.

Please find the <u>Nomination Form</u> on Survey Monkey. All nomination forms must be submitted no later than July 14, 2025. Once received, nominations will be posted on the <u>SC Nominations and Election web page</u>. The election will be held from July 22, 2025 to July 31, 2025. Election results will be announced shortly after the election closes. Questions may be addressed to <u>Dominique Love</u>.

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

#### **NEW Standards Coming into Effect**

On July 1, 2025, the following standards will become effective:

- <u>IRO-010-5 Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection</u>
- <u>TOP-003-6.1 Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection</u>

## **NEW Posted: ERO Enterprise Risk Factors and Risk Categories**

The current list of Risk Factors and Risk Categories and associated Reliability

Standards are available on NERC's website. The Compliance Enforcement Authority (CEA) uses the list of common Risk Factors and assessment

## **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** 

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criteria to complete the Inherent Risk Assessment for a registered entity. Risk Categories indicate the unmitigated and operational risks identified by a CEA, along with associated Reliability Standards, based on the entity's inherent risks and performance of the operational risks.

# **OTHER NEWS**

## **NEW Event Analysis Shares New Lesson Learned**

One new lesson learned addressing <u>Loss of Monitoring and Control due to a Communication Failure between Control Centers</u> was shared by Event Analysis on the <u>Lessons Learned</u> page.

## STANDARDS SUBJECT TO FUTURE ENFORCEMENT

Please refer to the <u>U.S. Effective Dates page</u> 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)
July 1, 2025 EFFECTIVE THIS WEEK	IRO-010-5 – Reliability Coordinator Data and information Specification and Collection   Implementation   Plan	No
	TOP-003-6.1 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection   Implementation Plan	No
October 1, 2025	TOP-002-5 – Operations Planning   Implementation Plan	No
April 1, 2026	<u>CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security — Security Management Controls</u>   <u>Implementation Plan</u>	No
	<u>TPL-008-1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Temperature Events   Implementation Plan</u>	Yes
July 1, 2026	CIP-012-2 – Cyber Security–Communications between Control Centers   Implementation Plan	No
October 1, 2026	TOP-003-7 – Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection   Implementation Plan	No
April 1, 2027	BAL-007-1 – Near-term Energy Reliability Assessments   Implementation Plan	No

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

#### **NEW FERC Issuances**

At its June 26, 2025 Open Meeting, FERC issued Order No. 907 approving Reliability Standard CIP-015-1 and directing further revisions and Withdrawal of Notice of Inquiry and Termination of Rulemaking Proceeding regarding potential enhancements to the CIP Reliability Standards. FERC's 2025 Issuances

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

For a full accounting of upcoming events, please refer to the **NERC Calendar**.

Workshops and Conferences				
Event Time Date Location Registration				
GridSecCon 2025	All Day	October 7–10	Las Vegas, NV	<u>Details</u>

Webinars				
Event	Time	Date	Registration	
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	July 8	<u>Virtual</u>	
NEW Registration Process for Category 2 Generator Owner and	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	July 14	<u>Details</u>	
Generator Operator Inverter-Based Resources				
Cold Weather Preparedness Small Group Advisory Sessions (SGAS)	TBD	August 18–22	Save the Date	

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls				
Event	Time	Date	Registration	
Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 16	<u>Virtual</u>	
Member Representatives Committee Informational Session	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	July 17	<u>Virtual</u>	
NEW Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) Conference Call	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 22	Virtual	
Compliance and Certification Committee	See Registration Details	July 23–24	Day 1: <u>In-Person</u>   <u>Virtual</u> Day 2: <u>In-Person</u>   <u>Virtual</u>	
NERC Third Quarter 2025 Meetings	See Registration Details	August 13–14	<u>Virtual</u>   <u>In-Person</u>	
Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 20	<u>Virtual</u>	
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern	September 17	Save the Date	

Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 15	<u>Virtual</u>
Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	November 19	<u>Virtual</u>
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern	December 9	Virtual

ERO Enterprise Events			
Event	Time	Date	Registration
TEXAS RE Evolving Grid Workshop	All Day	July 16	<u>Details</u>

Standard Drafting Team Meetings  Please refer to the <u>Standards</u> calendar for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming meetings.			
Project	Time	Date	Registration
Project 2021-01 – System Model Validation with IBRs	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	June 30	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern	June 30	<u>Details</u>
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	June 30	<u>Details</u>
Owner and Generator Operator)			
Project 2024-01 – Rules of Procedure Definitions Alignment (Generator	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	July 1	<u>Details</u>
Owner and Generator Operator)			
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 1	<u>Details</u>
Project 2022-02 – Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 2	<u>Details</u>
Project 2021-01 – System Model Validation with IBRs	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	July 3	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 3	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 8	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2021-01 – System Model Validation with IBRs	11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern	July 10	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	July 10	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 10	<u>Details</u>
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	July 11	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 11	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	July 14	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 22	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 23	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	July 24	<u>Details</u>

Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 24	<u>Details</u>
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	July 25	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	July 28	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 29	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	July 30	<u>Details</u>
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	July 31	<u>Details</u>
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Eastern	August 1	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	August 7	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 11	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	August 21	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	August 22	<u>Details</u>
NEW Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 25	<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>Maureen Murtha</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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