

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
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Posted for Comment

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision SAR	Comment Period	7/17/2025	8/15/2025

Standard Drafting Team Nominations

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
EXTENDED Project 2023-08 – Modifications of MOD-031 Demand and Energy Data	Submit Nominations	3/20/2025	8/15/2025

Project 2023 – 07 Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather – Phase II	Submit Nominations	6/18/2025	8/18/2025
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OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS			
Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>Request for Comments on Vendor Identified Incident Response Measures Draft Security Guideline: The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) reviewed the initial draft of the <i>Supply Chain Vendor Identified Incident Response Measures</i> and approved it for a 45-day industry comment period.</p> <p>The Supply Chain Subcommittee (SCS) has revised the existing security guideline per the RSTC triennial review process. All comments received will be considered by the SCS sub-team responsible for this security guideline revision.</p> <p>A draft version of the guideline has been posted on the NERC website for industry review: Draft Security Guideline Supply Chain Vendor Identified Incident Response Measures: CLEAN Draft Security Guideline: Supply Chain Vendor Identified Incident Response Measures: REDLINE</p>	<p>After reviewing the draft, and to submit comments, you must first complete a brief survey. Once the survey is complete, you will receive access to the official comment matrix.</p> <p>Comments must be submitted via email using the comment matrix, which includes the email address and full submission instructions.</p>	6/30/2025	8/15/2025
<p>Request for Comments on Supply Chain Procurement Language Draft Security Guideline: The RSTC reviewed the initial draft of the <i>Supply Chain Procurement Language</i> and approved it for a 45-day industry comment period.</p> <p>The SCS revised the existing security guideline per the RSTC triennial review process. All comments received will be considered by the SCS sub-team responsible for this security guideline revision.</p> <p>A draft version of the guideline has been posted on the NERC website for industry review: Draft Security Guideline Supply Chain</p>	<p>After reviewing the draft, and to submit comments, you must first complete a brief survey. Once the survey is complete, you will receive access to the official comment matrix.</p> <p>Comments must be submitted via email using the comment matrix, which includes</p>	6/30/2025	8/15/2025

<p>Procurement Language: CLEAN Draft Security Guideline: Supply Chain Procurement Language: REDLINE</p>	<p>the email address and full submission instructions.</p>		
<p>Request for Comments on the Electric Sector – Primer for Cloud and BCSI Protection: Version 2 Draft Security Guideline: The RSTC reviewed the initial draft of the <i>Electric Sector: Primer for Cloud and BCSI Protection</i> and approved it for a 45-day industry comment period.</p> <p>Interest in cloud technology has been increasing. This security guideline provides supplemental information for the ERO Enterprise-endorsed Implementation Guidance: Usage of Cloud Solutions for Bulk Electric System (BES) Cyber System Information (BCSI), which provides guidance on using encryption to protect and restrict access to BCSI in a cloud environment. This security guideline primer presents basic cloud concepts, including the principles of information protection.</p> <p>The Security Working Group has revised the existing security guideline per the RSTC triennial review process. All comments received will be considered by the SWG sub-team responsible for this security guideline revision.</p> <p>A draft version of the guideline has been posted on the NERC website for industry review: Draft Security Guideline Electric Sector: Primer for Cloud and BCSI Protection: CLEAN Draft Security Guideline: Primer for Cloud Solutions and Encrypting BCSI: REDLINE</p>	<p>After reviewing the draft, and to submit comments, you must first complete a brief survey. Once the survey is complete, you will receive access to the official comment matrix.</p> <p>Comments must be submitted via email using the comment matrix, which includes the email address and full submission instructions.</p>	<p>6/30/2025</p>	<p>8/15/2025</p>

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the industry joint webinar on July 22, 2025, Project 2022-02 – Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR and Project 2021-01 System Model Validation with IBRs.

NEW Standards Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Request for Nominations

The Standards Committee nominating committee is seeking solicitation of nominations for chair and vice chair beginning July 28, 2025. Nominations will be accepted until August 22, 2025. Nominations may be made via another SC member or via self-nominations. Any member nominated by another SC member will be requested to confirm they accept the nomination. Please email nominations directly to [Dominique Love](#). These will be shared with the nominating committee and the NERC Board of Trustees' SC liaison. At the September 17, 2025 SC meeting, elections for the chair and vice chair will be conducted immediately after the consent agenda is completed. Nominations may be selected from the floor on the day of the election pursuant to Section 5 of the SC Charter.

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](#)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Align Periodic Data Submittal Issues (Resolved)

After the deployment of Align Release 7.3.0 on July 12, 2025, it was discovered that registered entity users could not assign tasks for in progress FAC-003-4 or PRC-023-4 Periodic Data Submittal (PDS) requests in Align. Registered Entities encountering this issue were directed to contact their Regional Entity and determine next steps. The temporary issue resulted from updating the Reliability Standard versions (FAC-003-5 and PRC-023-6) for User Story 23355, which is detailed in the in the Align Release Notes 7.3.0, published on July 12, 2025, and can be found on the [Align and SEL](#) webpage under the "Release Materials" section. The issue only affected currently "in progress" PDS requests where the entity had not yet assigned responses.

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](#)

The fix for this issue was released on July 30, 2025. Any entities that were waiting for the fix to submit responses on the FAC-003-4 version of their PDS request should now be able to assign and complete in the Align system. If you have any questions, please send them to AskAlign@nerc.net. For technical support, please use <https://support.nerc.net/> to submit a support ticket.

OTHER NEWS

NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the webinar on July 14, 2025, Registration Process for Category 2 Generator Owner and Generator Operator Inverter-Based Resources.

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	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
October 1, 2028	CIP-015-1 – Cyber Security – Internal Network Security Monitoring Implementation Plan	No

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW Resources for Third Quarter 2025 Board of Trustees and Board Committee Meetings Now Available

NERC's third quarter Board of Trustees and Member Representatives Committee meetings are scheduled for August 13–14, 2025 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. These meetings will be held in-person, with a webcast option. The webcast option will be listen/watch only and attendees will not be able to make comments or ask questions via the webcast. Registration is available below and under [Upcoming Events](#).

Resources and Schedule		
August 13, 2025		August 14, 2025
Technology and Security Committee Agenda Package 9:00 a.m. Eastern	NERC Quarterly Technical Session Agenda Package 1:30 p.m. Eastern	Member Representatives Committee Agenda Package 8:00 a.m. Eastern
Regulatory Oversight Committee Agenda Package 10:15 a.m. Eastern		Board of Trustees Agenda Package Q3 Input 9:45 a.m. Eastern
Finance and Audit Committee Agenda Package** (<i>**to be posted by August 6, 2025</i>) 11:30 a.m. Eastern		Schedule of Events

NEW NERC Filing

On July 31, 2025, NERC submitted to FERC a [compliance filing](#) regarding revisions to its Rules of Procedure (ROP) Appendix 4E.

[All filings to FERC for 2025](#)

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 Mis operation 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
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

Webinars

Event	Time	Date	Registration
NEW Modernization of Standards Process and Procedures Task Force – White Paper Virtual Q&A Session: Standards Initiation	4:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 5	Details
NEW Modernization of Standards Process and Procedures Task Force – White Paper Virtual Q&A Session: Standards Development	12:00–1:00 p.m. Eastern	August 6	Details
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	August 6	Details
NEW Modernization of Standards Process and Procedures Task Force – White Paper Virtual Q&A Session: Standards Balloting	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	August 8	Details
UPDATED Cold Weather Preparedness Small Group Advisory Sessions (SGAS)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 18–22	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008	12:30–2:00 p.m. Eastern	September 22	Details

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

Event	Time	Date	Registration
NERC Third Quarter 2025 Meetings	See Registration Details	August 13–14	Virtual In-Person
Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 20	Virtual
Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) Meeting	All day	September 10–11	In-Person
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern	September 17	Virtual
Standards Committee Meeting	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	October 15	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	September 9–11	Details
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 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	August 4	Details
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 6	Details
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	August 6	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	August 7	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 7	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 11	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 11	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 12	Details
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 13	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 14	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	August 21	Details
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 21	Details
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	August 22	Details
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	August 22	Details
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 25	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 25	Details
NEW Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	All Day	August 26–28	Details
NEW Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	August 26	Details
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	September 8	Details
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	September 12	Details

Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	September 26	Details
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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.