

Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

August 11-17, 2025

NEW Project 2021-01 System Model Validation with IBRs

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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		
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		
NEW 2026-2028 Reliability Standards Development Plan Draft	Comment Period	8/8/2025	9/5/2025		
NEW Project 2022-02 – Uniform Modeling Framework for IBR	Comment Period	8/8/2025	9/10/2025		

8/8/2025

9/10/2025

Comment Period

Standard Drafting Team Nominations				
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	
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	Submit Nominations	6/18/2025	8/18/2025	
<u>for Extreme Weather – Phase II</u>				

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS				
Posted for Comment				
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date	
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 Supply Chain Vendor Identified Incident Response Measures and approved it for a 45-day industry comment period.	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.	6/30/2025	8/15/2025	
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.	Comments must be submitted via email using the comment matrix, which includes the email address and full submission instructions.			
A draft version of the guideline has been posted on the NERC website for industry review: <u>Draft Security Guideline Supply Chain Vendor Identified Incident Response Measures: CLEAN Draft Security Guideline: Supply Chain Vendor Identified Incident Response Measures: REDLINE</u>				
Request for Comments on Supply Chain Procurement Language Draft Security Guideline: The RSTC reviewed the initial draft of the Supply Chain Procurement Language and approved it for a 45-day industry comment period.	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.	6/30/2025	8/15/2025	

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A draft version of the guideline has been posted on the NERC website for industry review: Draft Security Guideline Supply Chain Procurement Language: REDLINE	instructions.		
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.	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.	6/30/2025	8/15/2025
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.	Comments must be submitted via email using the comment matrix, which includes the email address and full submission instructions.		
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.			
A draft version of the guideline has been posted on the NERC website for industry review: Draft Security Guideline: Primer for Cloud Solutions and Encrypting BCSI: REDLINE			



STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC posted the <u>slide presentation</u> and <u>recording</u> from the industry webinar on August 6, 2025, Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators.

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

NEW MSPPTF August Update Posted

At its February 2025 meeting, the NERC Board of Trustees passed a resolution forming an industry-led MSPPTF to undertake a strategic review of NERC's Reliability Standards development process. The task force will present proposed recommendations to the NERC Board in February 2026. Key resources associated with the initiative, including a schedule of forthcoming external engagements, are posted, and will be frequently updated, on a dedicated MSPPTF web page under the initiatives tab on the NERC website. The MSPPTF has posted a white paper, for public comment that includes potential improvement opportunities in three areas: standards initiation, standards development, and balloting. The white paper is posted for public comment until 11:59 p.m. Pacific, August 27, 2025.

Quick Links

MSPPTF Web Page

Resolution

FAQs

One-Page Summary

MSPPTF White Paper

White Paper Feedback Form

MSPPTF External Engagements

August Update

July 21 Webinar Recording

NEW MSPPTF White Paper Q&A Session Recordings Posted

Recordings of three virtual Q&A sessions, held to provide context to facilitate stakeholders' responses to the white paper on potential improvement opportunities for transforming how NERC develops its Reliability Standards, have been posted. Each webinar was dedicated to one of the three process steps. During the sessions the MSPPTF answered questions and received feedback on the potential improvement



opportunities presented in the white paper. A document that captures questions and answers arising from all three webinars will be posted next week.

MSPPTF Q&A Webinar Recordings:

August 5: Standards Initiation

August 6: Standards Development

August 8: Balloting

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

There is no additional Compliance or Enforcement news to report on this week.

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 E-ISAC Electricity Security Service Award Nomination Deadline August 11

The deadline for <u>nominations</u> for the 2025 E-ISAC Electricity Security Service Award, named in honor of Michael J. Assante, is fast approaching. This prestigious award recognizes individuals or teams who have significantly strengthened the security of the North American electric industry through dedication, innovation, and leadership.

Qualified nominees should embody the spirit of Michael J. Assante by:

- Unwavering dedication to identifying and addressing industry security threats
- Advancing industry security through information sharing, education, awareness, and unique insights
- Fostering partnerships and collaboration within the industry and external stakeholders

- Providing robust leadership to the electric sector and the broader community
- Demonstrating overall impact on electric industry security

Important Dates:

- Nominations close Monday, August 11, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern
- Winner notified by September 5, 2025
- Winner announced at GridSecCon 2025 on October 9.

Submit a nomination

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)	
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	<u>CIP-003-9 – Cyber Security — Security Management Controls Implementation Plan</u>	No	
	<u>TPL-008-1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Temperature</u>	Yes	
	Events Implementation Plan	163	
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	No	
	and Collection Implementation Plan	INO	
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

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 <u>Upcoming Events</u>.

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

NEW NERC Filing

On August 8, 2025, NERC submitted to FERC a <u>progress update</u> on its Inverter-Based Resources (IBR) Work Plan as directed by FERC in its November 17, 2022 Order.

All filings to FERC for 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS For a full accounting of upcoming events, please refer to the NERC Calendar.					
	Workshop	os and Conferences			
Event	Time	Date	Location	Registration	
BES Protection System Mis operation Reduction	All Day	October 7–8	Salt Lake City, UT	<u>Details</u>	
Workshop			(WECC Office)		
GridSecCon 2025	All Day	October 7–10	Las Vegas, NV	<u>Details</u>	
Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical	All Day	October 21–22	Little Rock, AR	<u>Details</u>	
Conference					
BES Operating Agility Workshop	All day	October 22–23	Little Rock, AR	<u>Details</u>	

Webinars				
Event Time Date Registration				
Cold Weather Preparedness Small Group Advisory Sessions (SGAS)	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 18–22	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008	12:30–2:00 p.m. Eastern	September 22	<u>Details</u>	

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls			
Event	Registration		
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>
Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) Meeting	All day	September 10–11	<u>In-Person</u>
Standards Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern	September 17	<u>Virtual</u>
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	<u>Virtual</u>

ERO Enterprise Events				
Event Time Date Registration				
SERC System Operator Conference	All Day	September 9–11	<u>Details</u>	
SERC System Operator Conference	All Day	October 14–16	<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	
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 11	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 11	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 11	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 12	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 12	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 13	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 14	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 14	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern	August 21	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	3:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern	August 21	<u>Details</u>	
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 2025-02 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard	11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Eastern	August 22	<u>Details</u>	
Revision Kickoff Meeting				
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern	August 22	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 22	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 25	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern	August 25	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2023-09 – Risk Management for Third-party Cloud Services	All Day	August 26–28	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 26	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2024-02 – Planning Energy Assurance	1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern	August 26	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-06 – CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement	1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern	August 28	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2022-05 – Modifications to CIP-008 Reporting Threshold	2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern	September 8	<u>Details</u>	
NEW Project 2023-01 EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00-4:30 p.m. Eastern	September 11	<u>Details</u>	
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II	10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern	September 12	<u>Details</u>	
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NEW Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting	2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern	September 29	<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>.

REGISTRATION: If you would like to receive this bulletin or be added to a NERC distribution list, you <u>must</u> first register an account in the <u>ERO Portal</u>. Once you have registered your ERO Portal account, authenticated your credentials with DUO, and completed your profile, please submit a ticket through the <u>Help Desk</u> 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 "<u>Committee</u>" 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.