

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 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Polls	06/08/22	06/21/22 DEADLINE EXTENDED	
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators MOD-026-2	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Polls	06/27/22	07/06/22	
Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Polls	07/15/22	07/25/22	
Join Ballot Pools				
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	



Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators MOD-026-2	Join Ballot Pools	05/23/22	06/21/22	
Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 Draft 1	Join Ballot Pools	06/09/22	07/08/22	
Posted for Comment				
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date	
Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Draft 1	Comment Period	05/19/22	06/21/22 DEADLINE EXTENDED	
Project 2020-06 – Verifications of Models and Data for Generators MOD-026-2	Comment Period	05/24/22	07/06/22	
Project 2020-02 – Transmission-connected Dynamic Reactive Resources Generator Ride-through (PRC-024-3 Replacement) Standard Authorization Request	<u>Comment Period</u>	05/31/22	07/14/22	
Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 Draft 1	<u>Comment Period</u>	06/09/22	07/25/22	

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment				
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date	
Comment Period Open for First Draft of NERC's 2023 Business Plan and Budget: The first draft of the NERC 2023 Business Plan and Budget and the current drafts of the Regional Entities' 2023 business plans and budgets are now available on NERC's website. A presentation providing a summary of the NERC 2023 Business Plan and Budget and ERO Enterprise combined 2023 budgets and assessments are posted as part of these materials. Presentations providing a summary of each Regional Entity business plan and budget are also posted.	Please direct all comments and/or questions to Erika Chanzes.	05/25/22	06/24/22	
NERC has posted the following documents for review and/or comment: • NERC 2023 Business Plan and Budget Overview				



- <u>ERO Enterprise Combined 2023 Budgets and Assessments</u>
 Overview
- First Draft of the NERC 2023 Business Plan and Budget

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Supplemental Drafting Team Nomination Period Open for Project 2021-02

NERC is seeking additional nominations for Project 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002 drafting team members through 8 p.m. Eastern, Friday, July 15, 2022.

Drafting team activities include participation in technical conferences, stakeholder communications and outreach events, periodic drafting team meetings and conference calls. Approximately one face-to-face meeting per quarter can be expected (on average three full working days each meeting) with conference calls scheduled as needed to meet the agreed-upon timeline the drafting team sets forth. NERC is seeking individuals who possess experience in the following area: **Tra**

Quick Links

Register in the SBS

Projected Standards Posting Schedule

Project Tracking Spreadsheet

2021–2023 Reliability Standards Development Plan

Quality Review Application

One-Stop Shop (Status, Purpose, Implementation Plans,

FERC Orders, RSAWs)

CIP Standards Efficiency Review

Submit Questions or Feedback

forth. NERC is seeking individuals who possess experience in the following area: **Transmission Operators who receive and apply information to its respective Real-time assessment and Real-Time monitoring activities.**

By submitting a nomination form, you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in face-to-face meetings and conference calls. Previous drafting team experience is beneficial but not required. Use the <u>electronic form</u> to submit a nomination. Contact <u>Cindy Jackson</u> regarding issues using the electronic form. An unofficial Word version of the nomination form is posted on the <u>Standard Drafting Team Vacancies</u> page and the <u>project page</u>. The Standards Committee is expected to appoint members to the drafting team in August 2022. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed.

NEW Formal Comment Period, Initial Ballots and Non-binding Polls Extended for Project 2021-07

NERC has been made aware that question 8 of the comment form is missing in <u>SBS</u>. Please submit the response to question 8 with the response to question 10 in SBS. Due to this, the formal comment period, initial ballots and non-binding polls for the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels have been extended, and are now open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, June 21, 2022 for the following standards and implementation plan:



- EOP-012-1 Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations
- EOP-011-3 Emergency Preparedness and Operations
- Implementation Plan

The ballot results will be announced and posted on the project page. The drafting team will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project.

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Newly Effective Standard

On June 16, 2022, FERC issued an <u>order</u> approving Reliability Standard CIP-014-3, which modifies the compliance section of Reliability Standard CIP-014-2 – Physical Security. The modification eliminates a provision requiring that all evidence demonstrating compliance with this Reliability Standard should be retained at the Transmission Owner's or Transmission Operator's facility. CIP-014-3 became effective June 16, 2022.

Quick Links

<u>Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Program One-</u> Stop Shop

ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Process

Consistency Reporting Tool (EthicsPoint)

Risk-Based Registration Initiative

Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets

Enforcement & Mitigation: Enforcement Actions

Align Project



OTHER NEWS

NEW New Guides Make It Easier to Learn More about Inverter-Based and Distributed Energy Resource Activities

The North American grid is undergoing a rapid transformation to its resource mix, adding increasing amounts of renewable generation — wind, solar, battery storage and hybrid plants. While these inverter-based resources present new opportunities in terms of grid control, they also introduce instability and potential risks to the system, as documented by NERC in multiple disturbance reports since 2016.

Over the past seven years, the ERO Enterprise has taken action to support the reliable integration of inverter-based resources to the grid, addressing emerging reliability risks related to inverter-based resources and focusing on the impacts of distributed energy resources from a transmission planning and system analysis perspective. NERC's Inverter-Based Resource Performance Task Force (IRPTF) and System Planning Impacts of Distributed Energy Resources Working Group (SPIDERWG) have conducted workshops and other activities and produced a vast array of resources — including disturbance reports and reliability guidelines — to provide industry and stakeholders with information they need to reliably integrate these new technologies.

To better highlight the work being done surrounding these technological advancements and provide an easier way for industry to access the information, NERC has added two new resources to the Initiatives tab on <u>NERC.com</u>. The resources — <u>Inverter-Based Resource Activities</u> and <u>Distributed Energy Resource Activities</u> — are quick reference guides that consolidate the work that the ERO Enterprise has done regarding these two topics. These documents are regularly updated by the subject matter experts to reflect new additions.

The ERO Enterprise remains committed to identifying and working toward solutions to better manage the complex reliability problems facing industry during this time of unprecedented resource change.



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 below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards		
U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)	
July 1, 2022	CIP-012-1 – Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers	
	PRC-002-2 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements (100% compliance for Requirements R2–R4, R6–R11)	
October 1, 2022	CIP-005-7 – Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s) CIP-010-4 – Cyber Security — Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments CIP-013-2 – Cyber Security — Supply Chain Risk Management	
January 1, 2023	PRC-024-3 – Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings for Generating Resources TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R3, R4, 4.1. 4.1.1–4.1.2, 4.2, 4.3, 4.3.1, R8, 8.1, 8.1.1–8.1.2, 8.2, 8.3, 8.3.1)	
April 1, 2023	EOP-011-2 – Emergency Preparedness and Operations IRO-010-4 – Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection TOP-003-5 – Operational Reliability Data	
July 1, 2023	TPL-001-5.1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements Implementation Plan	
January 1, 2024	CIP-004-7 – Cyber Security – Personnel & Training CIP-011-3 – Cyber Security - Information Protection TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R7, 7.1–7.3, 7.3.1–7.3.2, 7.4, 7.4.1–7.4.3, 7.5, 7.5.1., R11, 11.1–11.3, 11.3.1–11.3.2, 11.4, 11.4.1–11.4.3, 11.5, and 11.5.1)	
April 1, 2024	FAC-003-5 – Transmission Vegetation Management FAC-011-4 – System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon FAC-014-3 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits IRO-008-3 – Reliability Coordinator Operational Analyses and Real-time Assessments PRC-023-5 – Transmission Relay Loadability Implementation Plan PRC-002-3 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Implementation Plan PRC-026-2 – Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings Implementation Plan TOP-001-6 – Transmission Operations	



BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW NERC Filings

On June 15, 2022, NERC submitted to FERC an <u>informational filing</u> as directed by FERC in its February 20, 2020 Order. This filing contains a status update on one standard development project relating to the CIP Reliability Standards.

On June 14, 2022, NERC submitted to FERC a petition for approval of proposed Reliability Standards FAC-001-4 and FAC-002-4.

You can find all filings to FERC for 2022 here.

NEW FERC Issuances

On June 16, 2022, FERC issued a <u>Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</u> (NOPR) on Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather. The NOPR proposes to direct NERC to make modifications to Reliability Standard TPL-001-5.1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements to address transmission system planning for extreme heat or cold weather events that impact the reliable operation of the bulk power system.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For information about other NERC events, such as meetings and conference calls for other standing committees, subcommittees, task forces, and working groups, please refer to the NERC calendar.

Workshops and Conferences

- GridSecCon 2022 October 18–19, 2022 | Register
- 2022 NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop November 2–3, 2022 | Registration Details Coming Soon

Webinars

There are no webinars currently scheduled.

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

• Standards Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Mountain, July 20, 2022, Denver, CO



- Joint Compliance and Certification Committee/Standards Committee Meeting 1:00–4:00 p.m. Mountain, July 20, 2022, Denver, CO | Virtual Attendance Registration | In-Person Attendance Registration
- Compliance and Certification Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Mountain, July 21, 2022, Denver, CO | <u>Virtual Attendance</u> Registration | In-Person Attendance Registration
- Board of Trustees Committees, Member Representatives Committee, and Board of Trustees Meetings August 17–18, 2022, Vancouver, Canada | Register

Standard Drafting Team Meetings

- Project 2021-01 Modifications to MOD-025 and PRC-019 Drafting Team Meeting 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, June 21, 2022 |
 Register
- Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SAR Drafting Team Meeting 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, June 21, 2022 | Register
- Project 2022-02 Modifications to TPL-001 and MOD-032 SAR Drafting Team Meeting 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, June 22, 2022 | Register
- Project 2021-04 Modifications to PRC-002-2 Standard Drafting Team Meeting 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, June 22, 2022 | Register
- Project 2021-05 Modifications to PRC-023 Standard Drafting Team Meeting 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, June 24, 2022 | Register
- NEW Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SAR Drafting Team Meeting 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, July 7, 2022 | Register
- NEW Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting July 11–14, 2022, Atlanta | Register
- NEW Project 2021-08 Modifications to FAC-008 SAR Drafting Team Meeting 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, July 12, 2022 | Register
- NEW Project 2021-04 Modifications to PRC-002-2 Standard Drafting Team Meeting 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, July 27, 2022 | Register



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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