

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 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	08/30/23	09/11/23
Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination - Phase 2 EOP-011-4 and TOP-002-5	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	09/01/23	09/12/23
Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	09/05/23	09/14/23
NEW Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008 Draft 1	Initial Ballots and Non-binding Poll	10/10/23	10/19/23

Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
NEW Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008 Draft 1	Join Ballot Pools	09/05/23	10/04/23

Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2023-01 – EOP-004 IBR Event Reporting Draft 1	Comment Period	07/28/23	09/11/23
Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination - Phase 2 EOP-011-4 and TOP-002-5	Comment Period	08/24/23	09/12/23
Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II Draft 1	Comment Period	08/01/23	09/14/23
Project 2023-07 – Modifications to TPL-001-5.1 Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather SAR	Comment Period	08/29/23	09/27/23
Regional Reliability Standard (WECC) FAC-501-WECC-4 – Transmission Maintenance	Comment Period	08/16/23	09/29/23
Regional Reliability Standard (WECC) VAR-501-WECC-4 – Power System Stabilizer	Comment Period	08/16/23	09/29/23
NEW Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008 Draft 1	Comment Period	09/05/23	10/19/23

Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>Comment Period Open for Draft Technical Justification Document and SAR on Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios: A 45-day comment period for the SAR and associated Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios Technical Justification document developed by the ERO Enterprise is now open. The ERO Enterprise is seeking comments from key industry stakeholders including, but not limited to, organizations such as APPA, EEI, E-ISAC, ISO/RTO, NAGF, and NATF.</p> <p>ERO Enterprise staff will review comments from stakeholders received during the comment period and consider making revisions concerning the SAR and technical document. Following the consideration of comments, the SAR and technical document will be processed by NERC staff to request acceptance by the Standards Committee during its meeting on November 15, 2023.</p>	<p>Please submit comments via email using the comment matrix forms below.</p> <p>SAR – “Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios” - Comment Matrix</p> <p>Transmission Planning Energy Scenarios - Comment Matrix</p>	08/22/23	10/06/23

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Webinar Resources Posted

NERC has posted the [slide presentation](#) and [recording](#) from the August 30, 2023 Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination webinar.

NEW Standard Authorization Request Form Revised

NERC has revised the SAR Form as a result of a recommendation from the Standards Process Stakeholder Engagement Group (SPSEG). The revisions were developed in collaboration with the Standing Committees Coordinating Group (SCCG). The form was revised to capture risk to the Bulk Electric System (Industry Need Section), to clarify what to include in the technical justification, and to remove references to the NERC Functional Model. The revised form will be available on the [Resources](#) web page for industry use.

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](#)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Align Planned Maintenance

The ERO Enterprise has scheduled the Align system to be down for planned maintenance. The Align system will be down for scheduled maintenance starting from September 13, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern (5:00 p.m. Pacific) through September 14, 2023, at 12:00 a.m. Eastern (September 13, 2023 at 9:00 p.m. Pacific). 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](#).

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 NERC News Posted

NERC’s monthly newsletter is now available for [August](#). Highlights in this edition include:

- ERO Executive Spotlight – Kelly Hanson, NERC senior vice president and chief administrative officer
- NERC Headlines
- NERC Activities
- NERC Filings
- ERO Enterprise Events
- Careers at NERC

REMINDER Program Fee Increases for System Operator Certification and Credential Maintenance

Due to incremental increases in administrative and support costs of the System Operator Certification and the Credential Maintenance Programs, the Personnel Certification Governance Committee (PCGC) voted to increase program fees beginning **January 1, 2024**. The PCGC has continuously worked to minimize program fee adjustments both in magnitude and periodicity in which adjustments are made. The last fee adjustment occurred in 2019. In this effort the PCGC chose to consider the increase of each product we provide on an individual basis related to the cost impact of the service; thus, a different percentages of increase for each of the program’s product offerings. This process was chosen rather than a “flat fee” or percentage of equal increases across all products so that this weighting could more accurately reflect the costs that are directly associated with the offering and support of each product.

System Operator Fee Schedule		
Fee Type	2019–December 31, 2023	Effective January 1, 2024
Exam	\$650	\$700
Renewal	\$400	\$475

Provider Fee Schedule		
Fee Type	2019–December 31, 2023	Effective January 1, 2024

Continuing Education Provider		
One-Time Fee	\$115	\$180
Providers		
Level 1	\$47	\$75
Level 2	\$115	\$165
Level 3	\$325	\$400
Course Fee		
Per CEH	\$45	\$60

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 below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards	
U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)
January 1, 2024	CIP-004-7 – Cyber Security – Personnel & Training
	CIP-011-3 – Cyber Security - Information Protection
	FAC-001-4 – Facility Interconnection Requirements Implementation Plan
	FAC-002-4 – Facility Interconnection Studies Implementation Plan
April 1, 2024	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)
	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-002-4 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements
	PRC-023-5 – Transmission Relay Loadability Implementation Plan
PRC-026-2 – Relay Performance During Stable Power Swings Implementation Plan	
October 1, 2024	TOP-001-6 – Transmission Operations
	EOP-012-1 – Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations (Requirements 1–2 effective 4/1/28; Requirement 4 effective 10/1/29)
April 1, 2026	CIP-003-9 - Cyber Security — Security Management Controls

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

There is no additional Board or FERC action to report for this week.

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

- Electromagnetic Transient Boot Camp: System Impact Assessment – 1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | **Registration Closed**
- **UPDATED** Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference – October 3–4, 2023, Salt Lake City, UT | [Register](#) | [Agenda](#)
- **UPDATED** 2023 Probabilistic Analysis Forum – October 10–12, 2023, Salt Lake City, UT | [In-Person Meetings Registration](#) | [Virtual Meetings Registration](#) | [Agenda](#)
- GridSecCon 2023 – October 17–20, 2023 | [Register](#) | [Agenda](#)
- Protection System Misoperation Workshop – October 25–26, 2023, Atlanta | [Register](#) | [Draft Agenda](#)
- 2023 NERC-NATF-EPRI Annual Transmission Planning and Modeling Workshop – November 1–2, 2023 | **Save the Date**

Webinars

- **NEW** Project 2021-08 – Modifications to FAC-008 Industry Webinar – 1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, October 2, 2023 | [Join Webex](#)

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- Standards Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 20, 2023, Washington, D.C. | [In-Person Registration](#) | [Join WebEx](#)
- **NEW** Reliability and Security Technical Committee Hybrid Meeting – September 20–21, 2023, Salt Lake City, Utah | [Agenda Package](#) | [Informational Session Agenda Package](#)
- **NEW** Compliance and Certification Committee Hybrid Meeting – October 11–12, 2023, Phoenix, Arizona | [Day 1 Virtual Registration](#) | [Day 1 In-person Registration](#) | [Day 2 Virtual Registration](#) | [Day 2 In-person Registration](#)

Standard Drafting Team Meetings

Below are the upcoming SDT meetings for the next four weeks. For a full listing of upcoming meetings, please refer to the [Standards calendar](#).

- Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, September 11, 2023 | [Register](#)

- Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, September 11, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 12, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, September 13, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2022-02 – Modifications to TPL-001 and MOD-032 Standard Drafting Team – 2:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern, September 14, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 Phase II Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 15, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, September 18, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, September 13, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 21, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, September 13, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, September 22, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2020-02 – Modifications to PRC-024 (Generator Ride-through) Drafting Team Meeting – 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern, September 25, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 25, 2023 | [Register](#)

- Project 2023-03 – Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern, September 25, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 26, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-04 – Modifications to PRC-002 – Phase II Standard Drafting Team Meeting – September 27–28, 2023, Washington, D.C. | [In-Person Registration](#) | [Join WebEx](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 27, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2022-03 – Energy Assurance with Energy-Constrained Resources Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 12:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 28, 2023 | [Register](#)
- Project 2021-07 – Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 28, 2023 | [Register](#)

ERO Enterprise Events

- **Texas RE** 2023 Winter Weatherization Workshop – 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Central, September 13, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **Midwest Reliability Organization** Cold Weather Preparedness Workshop – 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Central, October 26, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **ReliabilityFirst** 2023 ReliabilityFirst Fall Workshop – September 26–27, 2023 | [Register](#)
- **Texas RE** 2023 Fall Standards, Security, and Reliability Workshop – 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Central, October 25, 2023 | [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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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're interested in, you may request those as well. If you're 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.