

# Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin

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## **ACTIVE STANDARDS POSTINGS**

| Current and Upcoming Ballots (ballo | t periods close at 8:00 p.m. Eastern) |            |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Project                             | Action                                | Start Date | End Date |
|                                     |                                       |            |          |
| Join Ballot Pools                   |                                       |            |          |
|                                     | Action                                | Start Date | End Date |
|                                     |                                       |            |          |
| Posted for Comment                  |                                       |            |          |
| Project                             | Action                                | Start Date | End Date |



| Project 2020-02 – Transmission-Connected Resources   Standard       | Comment Period | 03/30/20 | 05/13/20 |
|---|----------------|----------|----------|
| Authorization Request   |                |          |          |
| Project 2019-06 – Cold Weather   Standard Authorization Request     | Comment Period | 04/22/20 | 05/21/20 |
| <b>DEADLINE EXTENDED</b> Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact  | Comment Period | 04/03/20 | 06/03/20 |
| Revisions   Standard Authorization Request                          |                |          |          |
| <b>DEADLINE EXTENDED</b> Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012 | Comment Period | 04/08/20 | 06/11/20 |
| Standard Authorization Request                                      |                |          |          |

# **OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS**

| Posted for | Comment |            |          |
|------------|---------|------------|----------|
| Posting    | Action  | Start Date | End Date |
|            |         |            |          |

# **STANDARDS NEWS**

With the implementation of the <u>Align Project</u> in 2020, there will be changes to the <u>Reliability Standards web page</u> and associated reports, including the One-Stop Shop, U.S. Effective Date Status/Functional Applicability spreadsheet, and VRF and VSL matrices. More details will be provided in the coming months.

#### **NEW Resources Posted**

NERC has posted the <u>streaming webinar</u> and <u>slide presentation</u> for the Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards | <u>Virtualization Overview</u> webinar.

# **Quick Links**

Register in the SBS

**Projected Standards Posting Schedule** 

**Project Tracking Spreadsheet** 

2019–2021 Reliability Standards Development Plan

**Quality Review Application** 

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

FERC Orders, RSAWs)

**CIP Standards Efficiency Review** 

NERC has posted the <u>streaming webinar</u> and <u>slide presentation</u> for the TPL-001-5 Requirement Training webinar. FERC issued an order on January 23, 2020 approving TPL-001-5 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements, which becomes effective July 1, 2023.



# **NEW Deadline Extended for Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012 SAR Drafting Team Nomination Period**

Nominations are being sought for Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012 SAR drafting team members. The due date has been extended, and is now open through 8 p.m. Eastern, **June 11, 2020**. By submitting a nomination form, you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in face-to-face meetings and conference calls. Use the <u>electronic form</u> to submit a nomination. Contact <u>Linda Jenkins</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>.

New Deadline Extended for Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions Standard Drafting Team Nomination Period Nominations are being sought for Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions drafting team members. The due date has been extended, and is now open through 8 p.m. Eastern, June 3, 2020. 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 electronic form to submit a nomination. Contact Wendy Muller regarding issues using the electronic form. An unofficial Word version of the nomination form is posted on the Standard Drafting Team Vacancies page and the project page. The Standards Committee is expected to appoint members to the drafting team by August 2020. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed.

Deadline Extended for Project 2020-02 – Transmission-Connected Resources Standard Drafting Team Nomination Period

Nominations are being sought for Project 2020-02 – Transmission-connected Resources drafting team members. The deadline has been extended, and is now open through 8 p.m. Eastern, May 13, 2020. 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>Wendy Muller</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 June 2020. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed.



## **GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS**

# **ERO Enterprise Opts to Extend On-Site Activity Deferral**

As first announced on March 18, the ERO Enterprise has postponed on-site audits and other on-site activities during this unprecedented health crisis. The ERO Enterprise has extended this date through September 7, 2020, to allow registered entities to continue to focus their resources on keeping their workforces safe and the lights on.

The ERO Enterprise recognizes that there are significant uncertainties regarding the duration of the outbreak and the subsequent recovery and will continue to evaluate

# **Quick Links**

Risk-Based CMEP

**CIP V5 Transition Program** 

**ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Process** 

Consistency Reporting Tool (EthicsPoint)

**Risk-Based Registration Initiative** 

**Reliability Standard Audit Worksheets** 

**Enforcement & Mitigation: Enforcement Actions** 

Align Project (formerly CMEP Technology Project)

the circumstances to determine when on-site activities may resume safely or whether additional regulatory relief is necessary. In the interim, the Regional Entities are actively involved in remote oversight activities and are experimenting with innovative approaches to work with registered entities during this pandemic to continue assuring the reliability and security of the bulk power system.

# **OTHER NEWS**

#### **NEW Save the Date for GridEx VI**

NERC's Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) is planning the sixth biennial grid security exercise (GridEx VI) for November 16–18, 2021.

Stay tuned to the E-ISAC Portal and the NERC website for more GridEx VI information. Resources to look out for include:

- GridEx VI registration link
- GridEx VI Fact Sheet
- GridEx VI Frequently Asked Questions

GridEx VI is an operational exercise for electric utilities, related critical industries, and government partners in North America. Participants can engage in GridEx VI from their regular work locations during the two-day exercise. Participants simulate the actions they would take during an actual event under their organization's established incident response plans. Those actions include sharing information on the status of grid operations internally and externally.



## **NEW NERC News Posted**

NERC News, NERC's monthly newsletter, is now available for April. Highlights in this edition include:

- ERO Executive Spotlight Featuring Jason Blake, President and CEO, SERC
- COVID-19 Headlines
- NERC's Pandemic Preparedness and Operational Assessment Spring 2020 special report
- NERC System Operator Certification Exam Updates
- Upcoming Events

# STANDARDS SUBJECT TO FUTURE ENFORCEMENT

Please refer to the <u>U.S. Effective Dates page</u> for more detail on the standards listed below.

| U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards |  |
|--|--|
| U.S. Effective Date                            | Standard(s)  |
| October 1, 2020                                | CIP-005-6 – Cyber Security – Electronic Security Perimeter(s)  CIP-010-3 – Cyber Security — Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments  CIP-013-1 – Cyber Security — Supply Chain Risk Management  NEWLY UPDATED TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R1, R2, R5, 5.1–5.2, R9, 9.1–9.2) |
| January 1, 2021                                | CIP-008-6 – Cyber Security — Incident Reporting and Response Planning  PRC-002-2 – Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements (50% compliance for Requirements R2–R4, R6–R11)  PRC-012-2 – Remedial Action Schemes  PRC-025-2 – Generator Relay Loadability (phased-in implementation of Attachment 1: Relay Settings, Table 1 Options 5b, 14b, 15b, and 16b)       |
| April 1, 2021                                  | PER-006-1 – Specific Training for Personnel  PRC-027-1 – Coordination of Protection Systems for Performance During Faults  |
| July 1, 2021                                   | NEWLY UPDATED TPL-007-4 — Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R12 and R13)  |
| January 1, 2022                                | NEWLY UPDATED TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R6, 6.1–6.4, R10, 10.1–10.4)  |



| 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)                 |  |
| January 1, 2023 | NEWLY UPDATED 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)  |  |
| July 1, 2023    | TPL-001-5 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements   Implementation Plan  |  |
| January 1, 2024 | NEWLY UPDATED 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) |  |

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION**

**NEW NERC Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda Packages, Policy Input Letter, and Schedule of Events Posted** 

Agenda packages for the virtual <u>Board of Trustees</u>, <u>Member Representatives Committee</u>, <u>Corporate Governance and Human Resources</u> <u>Committee</u>, and <u>Technology and Security Committee</u> meetings on May 13–14, 2020 are available. The agenda package for the Finance and Audit Committee meeting will be posted shortly. The schedule of events is also available.

# **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 <u>NERC calendar</u>.

# **Workshops and Conferences**

There are no workshops or conferences currently scheduled.

#### Webinars

- Supply Chain Working Group Webinar Series: <u>Frequently Asked Questions: Small Group Advisory Sessions</u> 1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, May 4, 2020 | <u>Register</u>
- NEW Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards External Routable Connectivity and Interactive Remote Access Webinar 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, May 7, 2020 | Register
- Supply Chain Working Group Webinar Series: <a href="Provenance">Provenance</a> 1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, May 11, 2020 | Register
- Supply Chain Working Group Webinar Series: Risks Related to Cloud Service Providers 1:00–2:00 p.m. Eastern, May 18, 2020 | Register
- Project 2016-02 Modifications to CIP Standards Virtualization Overview Webinar 12:00–1:00 p.m. Eastern, April 23, 2020 | Register



Approved Version 2.0 of Risks and Mitigations for Losing EMS Functions Reference Document Webinar – 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 29, 2020 | Register

## **Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls**

- Board of Trustees Committees, Member Representatives Committee, and Board of Trustees Meetings May 13–14, 2020 | Meeting Registration | Schedule of Events
- Standards Committee Conference Call 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, May 20, 2020 | Register

## **Standard Drafting Team Meetings and Conference Calls**

The <u>Standards calendar</u> provides dial-in information for the in-person meetings below. The calendar also provides information about conference calls that drafting teams may hold in addition to in-person meetings.

There are no standard drafting team meetings currently scheduled.

# 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 <a href="mailto:Amy Klagholz">Amy Klagholz</a> with feedback on this bulletin. The current bulletin and old bulletins are available under "Program News" on both the <a href="mailto:Standards home page">Standards home page</a> and the <a href="mailto:Compliance">Compliance</a> & <a href="mailto:Enforcement home page">Enforcement home page</a>.

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