

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
NEW Project 2019-03 – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risks	Final Ballot	10/07/20	10/16/20
Join Ballot Pools			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
NEW SERC Regional Reliability Standards Development Procedure	Comment Period	10/07/20	11/20/20

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
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STANDARDS NEWS

Joint Industry Webinar Announced

The North American Transmission Forum (NATF), along with ReliabilityFirst and SERC, is hosting an industry-wide special webinar on “Identifying and Managing Potential Compromise of Network Interface Cards” on October 22, 2020 from 3:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern. This webinar is being presented as part of a pilot collaboration between the NATF, ReliabilityFirst, and SERC focused on mitigation practices that entities can employ on their systems, equipment, and networks to reduce risk introduced via the supply chain. The webinar will feature an overview of the NERC/FERC Joint Staff White Paper on Supply Chain Vendor Identification, in addition to the following planned topics:

- Overview of NATF–ERO Collaboration Pilot
- NATF Supplier Cyber Security Assessment Model: How Entity Mitigation Fits In
- Regional Entity Perspectives on Network Interface Card (NIC) Compromise Risks and Mitigation
- NATF Member Subject Matter Expert Perspectives/Experiences with NIC Compromise Mitigation

Advance registration is [required](#).

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](#)
- [Submit Questions or Feedback](#)

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

CORES Survey Notice

The ERO Enterprise will be seeking feedback regarding functionality on the ERO Portal regarding registration activities. The survey invitation will be sent to PCCs and ACCs on October 16 and will include a Survey Monkey link. The survey, which will be open for 30 days, will ask questions regarding user experience with CORES functionality, in particular New Entity Registrations and My Entity updates. There are four parts to the survey, including the ERO Portal, New Registrations, My Entity, and Training. The ERO Enterprise will use the survey results to focus on enhancing future releases with the registered entities' perspective. Survey Monkey estimated that most respondents will be able to complete the survey between 1–7 minutes.

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 \(formerly CMEP Technology Project\)](#)

OTHER NEWS

NEW 2020 Reliability and Security Technical Committee Sector 8 Special Election Results

The Reliability and Security Technical Committee (RSTC) opened nominations for filling a vacancy in Sector 8 (Large end-use electricity customer) from August 28 through September 18. As more than one nomination was received balloting was required for that sector from September 21 through October 5. Travis Fisher (Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON)) was elected to fill the vacancy and will serve the remainder of the vacated term, pending NERC Board of Trustees approval at its November 5, 2020 meeting.

NEW Lesson Learned Posted

One new lesson learned—[Single Phase Fault Precipitates Loss of Generation and Load](#)—has been posted on the NERC website on the [Lessons Learned](#) page.

NEW Reminder to Submit Nominations for Compliance and Certification Committee

The Compliance and Certification Committee (CCC) is requesting nominations to fill several at-large positions, which are intended to balance the needs of the CCC and to ensure performance of its responsibilities under the NERC Rules of Procedure. Nominations are being accepted through **October 14, 2020**. The following positions are currently open for nominations to the CCC:

- 2 – At-Large Membership

The revised Charter also allows the CCC to convert any sector vacancy to an at-large position to fill that seat until the end of the term when there is no qualified sector candidate. Therefore, the following sector seats are also open for at-large nominations because there were no nominations for these sectors during the recent request for nominations:

- 2 – Large End-Use Electricity Customer
- 1 – Small End-Use Electricity Customer

The CCC has an open nomination process. Individuals or recognized industry groups may nominate candidates for consideration. Terms will be for three years and will begin on January 1, 2021 after NERC Board approval of membership appointments at its scheduled meeting in November and pending FERC approval of the revised CCC Charter.

If you are interested in serving as or nominating a member to the NERC Compliance and Certification Committee, please complete the [nomination form](#) and send it to CCCElections@nerc.net by **October 14, 2020**.

Nomination Period Open for Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee

The Project Management and Oversight Subcommittee (PMOS) is soliciting nominations for additional members through **Monday, October 26, 2020**. For details on the time commitment, expectations, or to submit a nomination, please see the [nomination form](#) that is available on the [PMOS main page](#). Nominees are encouraged to observe the next PMOS conference call that is being held via [WebEx](#) on October 28, 2020 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern. To be added to the PMOS distribution list click [here](#). Choose the “NERC Email Distribution List” under the Service drop down list and noting “PMOS listserv.”

STANDARDS SUBJECT TO FUTURE ENFORCEMENT

Please refer to the [U.S. Effective Dates page](#) for more detail on the standards listed below.

U.S. Effective Dates for Reliability Standards	
U.S. Effective Date	Standard(s)
December 1, 2020	BAL-003-2 – Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting
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	TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R12 and R13)
January 1, 2022	PRC-012-2 – Remedial Action Schemes (Requirement R9)
	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)
October 1, 2022	PRC-024-3 – Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings for Generating Resources
January 1, 2023	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-001-5.1 – Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements Implementation Plan
January 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)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FERC ACTION

NEW FERC Open Meeting Agenda Posted

Yesterday, FERC posted the [Sunshine notice agenda](#) for its upcoming October 15, 2020 open meeting. There is one item of interest for NERC:

- E-5: RM19-20-000 WECC Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3

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

- Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference Session 2 – October 15, 2020 | [Register](#)
- **REGIONAL ENTITY EVENT** Texas RE Fall Standards and Compliance Workshop – October 22, 2020 | [Register](#)

- Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference Session 3 – November 10, 2020 | [Register](#)

Webinars

- **JOINT INDUSTRY EVENT** ReliabilityFirst and MRO Joint Webinar on Align Project Status – 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, October 20, 2020 | [Register](#)
- **JOINT INDUSTRY EVENT** NATF, Reliability First, and SERC Special Webinar: Identifying and Managing Potential Compromise of Network Interface Cards | 3:00–4:30 Eastern, October 22, 2020 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Lesson Learned – Verification of AC Quantities during Protection System Design and Commissioning Webinar – 1:00–2:30 p.m. Eastern, October 27, 2020 | [Register](#)
- Align Webinar: Registered Entity Self-Built Secure Evidence Lockers – 1:00–1:30 p.m. Eastern, October 29, 2020 | [Register](#)
- **REGIONAL ENTITY EVENT** Talk with Texas RE: Standards Update – 1:30–2:30 p.m. Central, November 19, 2020 | [Register](#)

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- **NEW** Reliability and Security Technical Committee Meeting – 1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, October 14, 2020 | [Register](#) | [Agenda Package](#)

Standard Drafting Team Meetings and Conference Calls

The [Standards calendar](#) 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.

- **NEW** Project 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management Standard Drafting Team Conference Call –1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, October 14, 2020 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management Standard Drafting Team Conference Call –1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, October 15, 2020 | [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](mailto:amy.klagholz@nerc.gov) 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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