

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 2019-06 – Cold Weather	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Polls	04/16/21	04/26/21
NEW Project 2015-09 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits	Final Ballot	04/19/21	04/28/21
Project 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Polls	04/30/21	05/10/21

Join Ballot Pools

Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
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Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2019-06 – Cold Weather	Comment Period	04/02/21	04/26/21
Project 2017-01 – Modifications to BAL-003 White Paper	Comment Period	03/29/21	04/27/21
2020 Periodic Review Standing Review Team Standards Grading	Comment Period	03/22/21	05/05/21
Project 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management	Comment Period	03/25/21	05/10/21
NEW Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002 Standard Authorization Request	Comment Period	04/14/21	05/13/21

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

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STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Resources Posted

NERC posted the [streaming webinar](#) and [slide presentation](#) for the April 14, 2021 Project 2019-06 Cold Weather Industry webinar.

NEW Drafting Team Nomination Period Open for Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002

NERC is seeking nominations for Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002 drafting team members through **May 13, 2021**. Drafting team activities include participation in technical conferences, stakeholder communications and outreach events, periodic 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 areas:

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](#)

- Dispersed power producing resources
- Real-time and same day operations planning with a Generator Operator, Generator Owner, and Transmission Operator
- Coordination of Generating Unit or Plant Capabilities, Voltage Regulating Controls, and Protection
- Understanding how data provided by the applicable Generator Operators and Transmission Operators is analyzed and used appropriately

Previous drafting team experience is beneficial but not required. See the project page and nomination form for additional information.

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](#). By submitting a nomination form, you are indicating your willingness and agreement to actively participate in face-to-face meetings and conference calls.

The Standards Committee is expected to appoint members to the drafting team in June 2021. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed. For more information on the Standards Development Process, refer to the [Standard Processes Manual](#).

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Program Alignment Update

NERC resolved an issue pertaining to a [CMEP practice guide](#) on considerations for ERO Enterprise CMEP staff (CMEP staff) regarding application of the Bulk Electric System definition to Battery Energy Storage Systems and Hybrid Resources. CMEP Practice Guides are developed solely by the ERO Enterprise to reflect the independent, objective professional judgment of CMEP staff, and, at times, may be initiated following policy discussions with industry stakeholders. The ERO Enterprise Program Alignment Process is intended to enhance efforts to identify, prioritize, and resolve alignment issues across the ERO Enterprise. Using this process, NERC captures identified issues from the various resources in a [centralized repository](#).

Quick Links

- [Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Program One-Stop Shop](#)
- [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 Lessons Learned Posted

One new lessons learned, addressing [Controlled Islanding due to Wildfire Event](#), has been posted on the NERC website on the [Lessons Learned](#) page.

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)
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	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
	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 NERC Filings

On April 15, 2021, NERC submitted [comments](#) in response to the Supplemental Notice Technical Conference Inviting Comments issued on March 15, 2021 in the Climate Change, Extreme Weather, and Electric System Reliability technical conference proceeding.

On April 13, NERC and NPCC submitted a [joint answer](#) to the complaint by George Berka.

NERC's 2021 filings to FERC are available [here](#).

NEW FERC Issuances

On April 16, 2021, FERC issued an [order](#) approving WECC Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 – Contingency Reserve.

FERC's 2021 issuances are available [here](#).

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

- **REGIONAL ENTITY EVENT** SERC Virtual System Operator Conference (SOC) #2 [14 CEHs] – 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 27–29, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **SAVE THE DATE** Human Performance in Electric Power Virtual Session – 1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, May 6, 2021 | **Registration Coming Soon**
- **REGIONAL ENTITY EVENT** Texas RE CIP Workshop – 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Central, June 3, 2021 | [Register](#)

Webinars

- **INDUSTRY WEBINAR** DOE Wildfire Mitigation Webinar Series: Modeling & Analytical Tools – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, April 22, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** [NERC Energy Management System Performance Special Assessment](#) (2018–2019) Webinar – 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 28, 2021 | [Register](#)

- **INDUSTRY WEBINAR** DOE Wildfire Mitigation Webinar Series: Modeling & Analytical Tools | Post Fire Analysis – 2:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, April 29, 2021 | [Register](#)

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- Standards Committee Meeting – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, April 21, 2021 | [Register](#) | **NEW** [Agenda](#)
- Board of Trustees, Board Committees, and Member Representatives Committee Meetings – May 12–13, 2021 | [Register](#) | [Schedule of Events](#)

Standard Drafting Team Meetings and Conference Calls

- **NEW** Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions Drafting Team Meeting – 1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern, April 20, 2021 | [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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