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**
EXTENDED Project 2015-09 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits	Initial/Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	08/18/20	08/26/20
Project 2019-03 – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risks	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	09/01/20	09/10/20
Project 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management	Additional Ballots and Non-binding Poll	09/11/20	09/21/20
Join Ballot Pools			
	Action	**Start Date**	**End Date**
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Posted for Comment			
Project	**Action**	**Start Date**	**End Date**
EXTENDED Project 2015-09 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits	Comment Period	08/18/20	08/26/20
Draft 2021–2023 Reliability Standards Development Plan	Comment Period	08/11/20	09/09/20
Project 2019-03 – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risks	Comment Period	07/28/20	09/10/20
Project 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management	Comment Period	08/06/20	09/21/20

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment			
Posting	**Action**	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Comment Period Open for Generating Unit Winter Weather Readiness – Current Industry Practices – Version 3 Draft Reliability Guideline: In accordance with current NERC practices, all Reliability Guidelines must undergo a review every three years. The Reliability Guideline: Generating Unit Winter Weather Readiness – Current Industry Practices – Version 3 has been reviewed and revisions have been made to keep the information current. This reliability guideline is applicable to electricity sector organizations responsible for the operation of the bulk power system. Although this guideline was developed as a result of an unusual cold weather event in an area not normally exposed to freezing temperatures, it provides a general framework for developing an effective winter weather readiness program for generating units throughout North America. The focus is on maintaining individual unit reliability and preventing	Submit comments via email using the comment form.	08/07/20	09/21/20

future cold weather related events. This document is a collection of industry practices and while the incorporation of these practices is strictly voluntary, developing a winter weather readiness program using these practices is highly encouraged to promote and achieve the highest levels of reliability for these high impact weather events. The Reliability and Security Technical Committee reviewed Version 3 of the guideline and approved a 45-day posting for industry comment.			
Comment Period Open for Supply Chain Procurement Language Draft Security Guideline: The Reliability and Security Technical Committee Executive Committee reviewed the initial draft of the Supply Chain Procurement Language guideline and approved posting it for industry comment.	Submit comments via email using the comment form.	08/06/20	09/21/20

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Resources Posted

NERC posted the:

- streaming webinar and slide presentation for the August 19, 2020 Project – 2019-02 BES Cyber System Information Access Management webinar
- streaming webinar and slide presentation for the August 6, 2020 Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards Management Systems webinar
- streaming webinar and slide presentation for the August 5, 2020 Project 2019-03 – Cyber Security Supply Chain Risks Industry 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
Submit Questions or Feedback

Document Issue Reporting Link Now Available

In an effort to maintain our documents at a world-class level, NERC Standards staff is requesting that stakeholders report any issue(s) found while reading/reviewing NERC documents on the Standards web page. Please note that any issue(s) found in a NERC Reliability Standard would initiate an applicable process in the Standard Processes Manual if warranted by the NERC Standards Committee. Issues identified in other NERC documents, such as broken links, will be evaluated and corrected by NERC Standards staff, as appropriate. To report an issue, navigate to the Standards page, select "Submit Questions or Feedback" under Program Contacts on the right-hand side, and follow the directions listed there. The link will also remain available under the Quick Links in this section of the Standards, Compliance, and Enforcement Bulletin.

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

There is no additional Compliance and Enforcement news to report for this week.

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)

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)**
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
	TPL-007-4 – Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events (Requirements R1, R2, R5, 5.1–5.2, R9, 9.1–9.2)
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	[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 New Board Member Named, 2021 Budgets Approved, Annual Canadian Regulators Meeting Takes Place
Due to ongoing pandemic conditions, NERC held its second virtual Board of Trustees meeting Thursday. Among key actions, the Board approved the 2021 Business Plans and Budgets for NERC and the Regional Entities and accepted the updated *E-ISAC Long-Term Strategy*. Prior to the meeting, the Board met with Canadian regulators and the Member Representatives Committee (MRC) elected a new member to the Board.

"This year has reminded us of how critical our mission is and how we must plan and manage the grid to be resilient against varying and extreme events. Fortunately, technology has enabled us to remain fully focused on the reliability and security of the grid during this pandemic. Working together, NERC and the Regional Entities, along with our registered entities and government partners have maintained close coordination, completed tasks, and addressed challenges," said Jim Robb, NERC's president and chief executive officer, kicking off the meeting. "NERC was early on this watch, with the E-ISAC issuing an alert on COVID-19 in February, among [other guidance](#). And I believe regulatory discretion taken by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), NERC, and the Regional Entities has proven helpful as we continue to monitor the ongoing crisis." Please [click here](#) for the full announcement.

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** ReliabilityFirst Fall Virtual Workshop – August 25, 2020 | Register
- Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference Session 1 – September 24, 2020 | Register
- **POSTPONED** Project 2016-02 – Modifications to CIP Standards | Virtualization Workshop – 12:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, **September 30, 2020** | Register
- Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference Session 2 – October 15, 2020 | Register
- Monitoring and Situational Awareness Technical Conference Session 3 – November 10, 2020 | Register

Webinars
- **NEW** Winter Preparation for Severe Cold Weather Webinar – 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, September 3, 2020 | Register

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls
There are no standing committee meetings currently scheduled.

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.
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 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.

If you would like to receive this bulletin or be added to the distribution list for a particular project, please submit a ticket through the Help Desk. Select the "NERC Email Distribution List" option under the "Applications" menu. In the Description Box, please specify which lists you would like your email address to be added to or note which announcements you would like to receive. This bulletin is distributed to several lists, including the Standards distro list (Standards-specific announcements) and the NERC-info distro list (most NERC announcements).