

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 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management	Additional Ballots and Non-Binding Polls	04/30/21	05/10/21
Project 2015-09 – Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits Definitions	Final Ballot	04/29/21	05/10/21
Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012	Initial Ballots and Non-Binding Polls	05/31/21	06/09/21
Join Ballot Pools			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012	Join Ballot Pools	04/26/21	05/25/21

Posted for Comment			
Project	Action	Start Date	End Date
Project 2019-02 – BES Cyber System Information Access Management	Comment Period	03/25/21	05/10/21
Project 2021-02 – Modifications to VAR-002 Standard Authorization Request	Comment Period	04/14/21	05/13/21
Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012	Comment Period	04/26/21	06/09/21

OTHER ACTIVE COMMENT PERIODS

Posted for Comment			
Posting	Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>Comment Period Open for Midwest Reliability Organization Regional Reliability Standards Process Manual: The proposed Midwest Reliability Organization Regional Reliability Standards Process Manual (MRO RRSPM) is posted for a 45-day comment period. Regional Reliability Standards development procedures, such as the MRO RRSPM, define a Regional Entity’s process for development, revision, reaffirmation, and withdrawal of a Regional Reliability Standard.</p>	<p>Use the Standards Balloting and Commenting System (SBS) to submit comments. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the Regional Reliability Standards Under Development page.</p>	04/21/21	06/04/21

STANDARDS NEWS

NEW Standards Efficiency Review Final Report Posted

The [Standards Efficiency Review](#) is a multi-phase project that began in 2017 based on input from the NERC Member Representatives Committee and is a focus area for the ERO Enterprise Long-Term Strategy to capture effectiveness, efficiency, and continuous improvement opportunities. The [report](#) outlines accomplishments and recommendations from the project.

Supplemental Nomination Period Open for Project 2020-02 SAR Drafting Team Members

NERC is seeking additional nominations for Project 2020-02 – Transmission-connected Dynamic Reactive Resources Standard Authorization Request (SAR) drafting team members through **8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, May 17, 2021**. The potential risk of increasing amounts of reactive power being supplied by nonsynchronous sources was identified in *NERC's 2017 Long-term Reliability Assessment*. In response to the concern, the Planning Committee (PC) assigned the System Analysis and Modeling Subcommittee (SAMS) to study the issue. The SAMS developed the *Applicability of Transmission-Connected Reactive Devices* white paper, which was approved by the PC at its December 2019 meeting. The PC Executive Committee reviewed the draft SAR from SAMS at its January meeting and subsequently approved the SAR by email vote ending on February 11, 2020. The SAR was posted for industry comment March 30–May 13, 2020, and drafting team member nominations were solicited. However, the project was temporarily paused before a SAR drafting team was appointed.

Use the [electronic form](#) to submit a nomination and contact [Wendy Muller](#) regarding issues with the system. 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 time commitment for this project is expected to be one face-to-face meetings per quarter (on average two full working days each meeting) with conference calls scheduled as needed to meet the agreed upon timeline the team sets forth. Face-to-face meetings will be conducted only when CDC health guidelines permit. Team members may also have side projects, either individually or by sub-group, to present for discussion and review. Lastly, an important component of the team effort is outreach. Members of the team will be expected to conduct industry outreach during the development process to support a successful ballot. Previous drafting team experience is beneficial but not required. The Standards Committee is expected to appoint members to the drafting team in June or July 2021. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed.

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](#)

Supplemental Nomination Period Open for Project 2020-01 SAR Drafting Team Members

NERC is seeking additional nominations for SAR drafting team members—specifically, employees with MOD-025/PRC-019 experience from Transmission Planner registered entities—through 8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, May 20, 2021. Use the [electronic form](#) to submit a nomination. Contact [Linda Jenkins](#) 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 time commitment for this project can be up to two face-to-face meetings per quarter (on average two full working days each meeting) with conference calls scheduled as needed to meet the agreed upon timeline the team sets forth. Team members may also have side projects, either individually or by sub-group, to present for discussion and review. Lastly, an important component of the team effort is outreach. Members of the team will be expected to conduct industry outreach during the development process to support a successful ballot. Previous drafting team experience is beneficial but not required. The Standards Committee is expected to appoint members to the SAR drafting team in June 2021. Nominees will be notified shortly after they have been appointed.

GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT NEWS

NEW Supply Chain Small Group Advisory Sessions (SGAS) FAQ Updated

NERC has posted an updated composition of [commonly asked questions](#) from the participants who attended the small group advisory sessions.

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 Lesson Learned Posted

NERC posted one new lesson learned—[Interconnection Oscillation Disturbances](#)—to the [Lessons Learned](#) page.

NEW NERC News Posted

NERC News, NERC's monthly newsletter, is now available for [April](#). Highlights in this edition include:

- ERO Executive Spotlight featuring Manny Cancel, senior vice president of NERC and CEO of the E-ISAC
- Lauby Participated in FERC and Virginia Tech EnVision Forum
- GridSecCon 2021 Call for Abstracts
- Upcoming Events

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

UPDATED Board of Trustees Committees, Member Representatives Committee, Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting Agenda Packages, Presentations, and Policy Input Letter Posted

Resources for Board of Trustees and Board Committee Meetings	
May 12, 2021	May 13, 2021
Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee Agenda Package Presentation Attendee WebEx Link 11:00 a.m. Eastern	Member Representatives Committee Agenda Package Presentations Attendee WebEx Link 11:00 a.m. Eastern
Technology and Security Committee Agenda Package Presentations Attendee WebEx Link 12:30 p.m. Eastern	Board of Trustees Agenda Package Presentations Attendee WebEx Link 2:00 p.m. Eastern
Finance and Audit Committee Agenda Package Presentations Attendee WebEx Link 2:30 p.m. Eastern	Policy Input

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

- Human Performance in Electric Power Virtual Session – 1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern, May 6, 2021 | [Register](#) | [Agenda](#)

Webinars

- Project 2020-04 – Modifications to CIP-012 webinar – 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, May 18, 2021 | **UPDATED** [Register](#)

Standing Committee Meetings and Conference Calls

- Board of Trustees, Board Committees, and Member Representatives Committee Meetings – May 12–13, 2021 | [Register](#) | [Schedule of Events](#)
- Personnel Certification Governance Committee Meeting – May 17–21, 2021 | [Agenda](#)

- Standards Committee Conference Call – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, May 19, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Standards Committee Conference Call – 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern, June 16, 2021 | [Register](#)

Standard Drafting Team Meetings and Conference Calls

- Project 2017-01 – Phase II Modifications to BAL-003 Standard Drafting Team Conference Call – 1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern, May 11, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2019-04 – Modifications to PRC-005-6 Drafting Team Conference Call – 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, May 12, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2020-03 – Supply Chain Low Impact Revisions Drafting Team Conference Call – 3:00–4:30 p.m. Eastern, May 19, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2019-04 – Modifications to PRC-005-6 Drafting Team Conference Call – 1:30–3:30 p.m. Eastern, May 21, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** Project 2017-01 – Phase II Modifications to BAL-003 Standard Drafting Team Conference Call – 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern, May 25, 2021 | [Register](#)

Regional Entity and Industry Events

- Texas RE CIP Workshop – 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Central, June 3, 2021 | [Register](#)
- **NEW** ReliabilityFirst Operational Resilience Webinar – 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern, June 8, 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](#).

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).