



# Reliability Compliance Update

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STANDARD:  
**EOP-012**

## [Project 2024-03](#) Revisions to EOP-012-2 Standard Authorization Request

### PROJECT BACKGROUND:

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The purpose of this project is to address the directives identified by FERC in its June 27, 2024 order approving Reliability Standard EOP-012-2 and directing further modifications. N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp., 187 FERC ¶ 61,204 (2024), available [here](#). In that order, FERC found that further improvements needed to be made to address ambiguous language and address other reliability gaps/implementation issues in the standard and related definitions to fully address issues first raised in the Commission's February 2023 Order approving EOP-012-1. FERC directed that NERC submit the modifications within 9 months of the date of the order, or by March 27, 2025.

To meet FERC's March 27, 2025, deadline, and in deference to the importance of this standard, the Board invoked its authority under **Section 321.5** of NERC's Rules of Procedure. Under this authority, the Board directed the Standards Committee, with the assistance of stakeholders and NERC staff, to prepare a responsive standard. A special Board meeting will take place in March 2025 to review the standard and a complete record, including the comments submitted during the public comment period.

[Submit Comments](#)

Action

End Date

Comments

03/12/2025

## IBR Registration Initiative Q4 2024 Update Posted

### [Q4 2024 Quarterly Update](#)

Consistent with its [\*Inverter-Based Resource Strategy\*](#), NERC is dedicated to identifying and addressing challenges associated with inverter-based resources (IBR) as their penetration continues to increase. In addition, FERC issued two orders with directives to NERC regarding IBRs: (1) an [order](#) directing NERC to identify and register owners and operators of currently unregistered bulk power system-connected IBRs; and (2) [Order No. 901](#) directing the development of Reliability Standards addressing multiple aspects of IBR planning. Working closely with industry and stakeholders, NERC is executing a FERC-approved [IBR Registration work plan](#) and an [Order No. 901 Work Plan](#) to achieve these directives within the prescribed timeframes.

NERC's [IBR Registration Initiative Q4 2024 Update](#) showcases progress made, highlights key activities in Legal, Registration, Standards, Stakeholder Outreach, and E-ISAC Engagements, and provides available resources. This update was developed as part of NERC's ongoing efforts to ensure industry and stakeholders are kept informed throughout this critical, three-phase project. More information on this project is available in the [IBR Registration Initiative Quick Reference Guide](#).

## NERC Board Invokes 321 Authority for EOP-012-3

To meet FERC's March 27, 2025, deadline, and in deference to the importance of this standard, the Board invoked its authority under Section 321.5 of NERC's Rules of Procedure. Under this authority, the Board directed the Standards Committee, with the assistance of stakeholders and NERC staff, to prepare a responsive standard, which will then be posted for a 45-day public comment period no later than January 29. A special Board meeting will take place in March to review the standard and a complete record, including the comments submitted during the public comment period.

[Full Announcement](#)

# System Operator Certification Program Announcement

## New Exam Delivery Vendor - March 25, 2025

[Announcement](#) | [Transition Timeline](#) | [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### What Will Change

With the move to the Pearson VUE, candidates will be able to access the exam scheduling link in their System Operator Certification Credential Maintenance Database (SOCCED) account. This link will be available in SOCCED following exam payment. After the candidate has scheduled an exam appointment with Pearson VUE, the candidate's exam date and location will also be shown in their SOCCED account. Rescheduling and cancellations can be completed through the same link or by calling Pearson VUE. Pearson VUE will send a confirmation email to the candidate following successful scheduling of an exam appointment.

## ReliabilityFirst (RF)

### ➤ Technical Talks with RF

➤ February 10, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

➤ March 17, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

➤ April 21, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

➤ May 19, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

➤ June 16, 2025

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<https://www.rfirst.org/events/list/>

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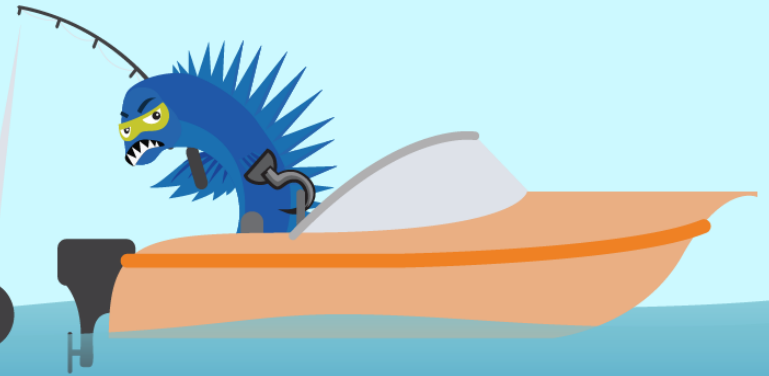
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