

# Announcement

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

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**WASHINGTON DC** – Multiple events since 2011 have shown the risks to reliability that can result when generators fail to take the necessary steps to ensure reliability when the grid needs it the most. Better preparation measures have helped avoid these impacts during more recent winter storms.

In June 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved Reliability Standard EOP-012-2 and directed NERC to submit a revised version to address and clarify several aspects. The draft EOP-012-3 standard only achieved 44.54% approval on its most recent ballot, representing only a 2% improvement from the previous ballot, and far from the 67% needed under NERC's usual stakeholder ballot process.

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.

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