



Standards Update and Impacts

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Items Covered

- Current WECC Activities
- Current NERC Activities
- Standards Development Process

Current WECC Projects

- WECC-0142 Retire BAL-002-WECC
 - Comments supporting retirement complete
 - Next step is to vote
- WECC-0156 VAR-001-5 Voltage and Reactive Control Potential Modification to WECC Regional Variance
 - Current language in Variance E.A.13 specifies “each generation resource that is part of the BES.”
 - Recent registration of smaller units that don’t meet the definition of BES would be excluded.

NERC Activities

- NERC has 19 active or new projects
- There is only one with a current comment period
 - 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-2 Cold Weather Project
 - FERC directed specific changes
 - Industry did not approve (roughly 44%)
 - NERC invoked section 321.5 of the NERC Rules of Procedure
 - May submit to FERC without industry approval
 - Comment period closes March 12, 2025

NERC Activities

- Multiple drafting team meetings last week
- All projects are prioritized as high, medium, or low priority
 - Projects with FERC mandated completion dates or NERC BOT directed dates are prioritized as high
 - Currently seven high, four medium, and eight low priority projects
- Low and medium projects may not be addressed until 2025 or 2026
- See prioritization on the NERC Standards Under Development page at <https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Standards-Under-Development.aspx>

NERC Events

- February NERC SC meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items
- Next NERC SC meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025, in Dallas
 - No agenda available yet

What Does the Standards Committee Do?

Guide and oversee the Standards Development Process

- Reliability Standards
- Commenting
- Balloting
- Filing with NERC and FERC

What Doesn't the Standards Committee Do?

Does not—

- Write the Standards
- Approve the Standards

Involved stakeholders draft and approve Standards

- Please vote
- Please comment



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