

Overview and Instructions

Self-Certification

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WECC periodically requires entities to self-certify compliance with reliability standards. Entities selected for these engagements will receive a notification in Align. Each notification specifies the monitoring period, scope, and response due date.

Response

If you receive a notification, review your compliance status during the monitoring period for each requirement in scope. Submit your response in Align by the due date. Refer to the [self-certification user guide](#) for additional instructions.

If your review indicates evidence of potential noncompliance (PNC) ...

- Respond “Non-Compliant.”
- If the PNC has not been reported to WECC, create a finding from the self-certification. Refer to the [enforcement user guide](#) for form instructions. After creating the finding, submit it from the *Self-Reports and Self-Logs* module.
- If the PNC has been reported to WECC, provide the tracking ID in the comments field.

If your review indicates no evidence of noncompliance ...

- Respond “Compliant.”
- Supporting evidence is not required unless requested.

If the requirement does not apply to you ...

- Respond “Do Not Own” if you do not own facilities subject to the requirement. For example, a Transmission Owner responds “Do Not Own” for CIP-003-9 R2 if it owns no low impact BES Cyber Systems.
- Respond “Not-Applicable” if you do not meet the applicability criteria of the standard. For example, a Distribution Provider responds “Not-Applicable” for CIP-003-9 R2 if it does not meet the criteria in CIP-003-9 4.1.2.
- Create an applicability attestation from the self-certification. (See *Attestations*.)

Note: Respond “Compliant” if the requirement is applicable but the circumstances described in the requirement did not occur or no action was required during the monitoring period.

Attestations

Applicability attestations in Align provide a record for WECC to communicate with entities about compliance obligations. Create an attestation request from the self-certification for each “Do Not Own”

or “Not-Applicable” response. Requests must include a detailed justification based on applicability criteria in the standard. Refer to the [attestation user guide](#) for instructions.

Note: Do not create an attestation for “Compliant” or “Non-Compliant” responses.

Checklist

Before submitting a self-certification, confirm you have —

- ✓ Saved a response for each requirement in scope
- ✓ Submitted a PNC finding for each “Non-Compliant” response
- ✓ Created an attestation request for each “Do Not Own” or “Not-Applicable” response
- ✓ Saved a response for any additional questions indicated

Review

WECC will review your self-certification and may send a Request for Information. Interviews or on-site visits may also be required. You will receive notification in Align when review is complete.

Resources

- Contact oversight@wecc.org with questions about the self-certification process.
- Refer to the [NERC website](#) for information about Align and the Secure Evidence Locker (SEL).
- For Align technical support, visit the [NERC Help Desk](#).