

Updated Standards Announcement

Standards Efficiency Review

Informal Comment Period Open through July 10, 2018

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An informal comment period for the **Standards Efficiency Review (SER) Standards Authorization Request** is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Tuesday, July 10, 2018**. **The comment period has been extended to ensure stakeholders have adequate time to digest the information and provide meaningful feedback.**

Purpose

Many NERC Reliability Standards have been mandatory and enforceable for 10+ years in North America. Phase 1 of the Standards Efficiency Review (SER) project seeks to identify requirements that are potential candidates for retirement because they are no longer essential for reliability. Retiring these requirements would increase efficiencies by reducing regulatory obligations and/or compliance burden. Using a risk-based approach, three SER teams [Real-time Operations (RT), Long-term Planning (LT), and Operations Planning (OP)] evaluated the reliability benefit of each requirement in the body of NERC Reliability Standards. Based on the analyses, the SER teams are recommending the requirements listed in this posting be retired. The SER Team maintains that these requirements can be retired without impacting any other standards; i.e., no modifications to other requirements in other standards are necessary. Phase 2 of the SER Project will focus on modifying and/or consolidating requirements throughout the body of standards.

Evaluation Criteria for Retiring Reliability Standards Requirements:

- Requirement acts as a control to support compliance with another Requirement
- Requirement regulates a high volume of Low Risk activity
- Compliance evidence for the Requirement is not needed greater than 90 days to achieve reliability
- Requirement exists to prove that an event or incident did not happen or to prove a negative
- Data retention obligation for the Requirement can be significantly reduced
- Requirement is a candidate for coverage in NERC Certification Program (e.g. the Requirement pertains to basic functionality of registered entity)
- Other proposed criteria from industry

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. If you experience difficulties navigating the SBS, contact [Wendy Muller](#). An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [project page](#).

- *If you are having difficulty accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out, contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern).*
- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS **is not** supported for use on mobile devices.*
- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day**.*

Next Steps

The SER team will review all responses received during the comment period and determine the next steps of the project.

For more information or assistance, contact Manager of Standards Information, contact [Chris Larson](#) (via email) or at 404-446-9708.

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