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NERC Supplemental Filing: Abeyance

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What is the value of abeyance?

- To enhance NERC standards development process agility that the ERO Enterprise and industry have focused on the past few years.
- Help reduce the concern over compliance risk during standards development so that the focus can be on addressing risks to reliability.

When is abeyance considered?

- During the Standards Drafting process

What is the purpose of abeyance?

- Develop insights from initial implementation of the standard that can then be fed back to NERC and industry to further refine standards as needed

Who determines which Standards/Requirements/Parts for abeyance consideration?

- The ERO Enterprise will consider the candidates for the abeyance period.

What is the initial criteria for abeyance consideration?

- A high priority project given risks being addressed
- A new Reliability Standard or a modified Reliability Standard undergoing significant revisions
- It involves one or more of the following attributes:
 - new technology likely will be needed to implement the Reliability Standard;
 - new, emerging reliability issue with no consensus on specific best practices or
 - a high level of technical complexity.

Example of current usage:

- Project 2024-03 Revisions to EOP-012-3 (Cold Weather) *
 - *“From the effective date of **Reliability Standard EOP-012-3** until **October 1, 2027**, the Compliance Enforcement Authority will not pursue an action under Sections 4A.0 or 5.0 of Appendix 4C to the Rules of Procedure for a failure to comply with **Reliability Standard EOP-012-3 Requirement R1 Part 1.1** with respect to the **calculation of the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature** for an applicable generating unit, or any other failure to comply resulting from an incorrect calculation of the Extreme Cold Weather Temperature for that generating unit, against any entity acting in good faith to comply with the standard in accordance with the relevant implementation plan.”*

<https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2024-03-Revisions-to-EOP-012-2.aspx>

Abeyance is NOT

- A free pass
- An extension of the implementation plan
- Time to sit and ***wait*** for feedback

What should you be doing?

- Working with your Region
- Talking with your peers



Will all Standards / Requirements have an abeyance period? **No, it will be evaluated by NERC and the Regions during the Standards drafting process.**



Where will the abeyance language be within the Standard? **Section C. Compliance.**



What if I'm not audited during the abeyance period? **Entities are expected to meet compliance on the effective date of the Standard.**



What current Standards or Projects have been flagged for abeyance? **Currently, EOP-012-3.**



Will the supplemental filing impact the self-logging process? **No, there is no impact to the self-logging process.**

How does the information feed back to Standards for possible enhancements? The ERO Enterprise will be tracking and reporting on a periodic basis.

How will industry receive updates during the abeyance period? Periodic webinars/outreach activities.

Can a SAR be introduced during the abeyance period? Absolutely, a SAR can be introduced at anytime.

What is “Good Faith”?





Questions and Answers