

# Annual Reliability Seminar – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition held October 3, 2024

Questions have been modified for clarity purposes. The opinions expressed are those of the presenter and do not constitute the ones of NPCC within the framework of a compliance or enforcement engagement.

## CIP Evidence Request Tool (ERT) 101 Overview presentation

### Question:

Is there a reduced version of CIP ERT for entities owning only low impact Cyber Assets?

### Answer:

There is not currently. The entity only needs to complete requests for applicable, in-scope standards. As the instructions indicate, the low impact tab is optional. For self-certifications, NPCC may send a tailored copy of the ERT targeting only the standards of the self-certification.

Additional information:

An overview of the ERT (CIP Evidence Request Tool Master v9.xlsx), similar to the one used in a CIP audit by NPCC, is posted on the NERC website [here](#) under the following bullets: Compliance (39) and then CIP ERT & User Guide (3). This is the positioning of the tab corresponding to low impact Cyber Assets in the ERT. This tab is optional.

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The Low CA tab of this spreadsheet is included for those entities that have chosen to have a list.										This tab is NOT MANDATORY and is ONLY OPTIONAL.
Index	BES Cyber Asset ID	BES Cyber System ID(s)	Asset ID	Any Routable Protocol Communication?	Accessible via Dial-up Connectivity	Remote Access Enabled to this CA?	Responsible Registered Entity and NCR	Region (MRO, NPCC, RF, SERC, Texas RE, WECC)	Function (TO, TOP, GO, GOP, etc.)	
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## **PRC-027-1 Overview: Coordination of Protection Systems for Performance During Faults presentation**

### **Question 1:**

For PRC-027-1 timeline, may the baseline established prior to October 1, 2024, correspond to data collected during the commissioning of the Facility?

### **Answer 1:**

[answer modified after validation with the NPCC audit group] It would be acceptable to have those initial baseline values from the installation of the facility that could be used as the baseline.

### **Question 2:**

Is it possible to give an example of a coordination study on a 161kV network and above?

### **Answer 2:**

[answer modified after validation with the NPCC audit group] The auditors are going to review all protection systems settings and ensure the values are set properly to cover the fault current value. An example of a coordination study cannot be provided, because compliance with the PRC-027 standard is assessed on a case-by-case and depends on the attributes of and installations owned by a registered entity.

## EOP-011-2 R7/R8: Cold Weather Preparedness

### Question:

As a suggested best practice, it was mentioned to take advantage of the industry forums, such as: North American Generator Forum (NAGF) and North American Transmission Forum (NATF). Without being a member of these organizations, may a Registered Entity attend the industry webinars held by these two organizations? Where does Registered Entity get this information?

### Answer:

[answer modified after validation with the NPCC audit group] A company must become a member to access all resources (documents, webinars, meetings, annual workshops, etc.) offered by these organizations. NAGF and NATF were provided as examples. Entities should evaluate what resources are available to them for information sharing relating to cold weather. This could include other forums or groups, or be as simple as communicating best practices with similar entities. NPCC is also willing to have conversations with entities regarding their cold weather preparedness from a reliability outreach perspective (i.e., outside of an assessment, certification, or audit perspective).