

FERC Order on Computational Loads

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On July 16, FERC issued an order directing NERC, under its section 215(d)(5) authority of the Federal Power Act, to “develop and submit new or modified Reliability Standards addressing the reliability risks associated with the integration of computational loads into the Bulk-Power System.” The Commission also directed NERC to “develop revisions to its Rules of Procedure, including registry criteria for computational load entities.” NERC has been aggressively working toward revised registry criteria and standards development for computational loads in concert with stakeholders, and the order is directly in line with work already underway.

FERC has given NERC a December 31, 2026, deadline to complete the Reliability Standards and Rules of Procedure revisions, and a March 2027 deadline to file an action plan on next steps for future reliability standard changes.