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**Update**

A new standard, TPL-007-1, Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Events, was passed by NERC on December 17, 2014. It is now awaiting FERC approval. This standard will require a Geomagnetic Disturbance Vulnerability Assessment for all power transformers with a high side, wye-grounded winding with terminal voltage greater than 200 kV. This standard will be implemented over a 5-year period. That will allow for entities to develop the required models and develop viable Corrective Action Plans. Some mitigation measures may have significant budget, siting, or construction planning requirements. For more information go to [Project 2013-03 Geomagnetic Disturbance Mitigation](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2013-03-Geomagnetic-Disturbance-Mitigation.aspx)

MOD -031-1, Demand and Energy Data, has been approved by FERC. The effective date is July 2016. This standard will replace MOD-016-1.1, MOD-017-0.1, Mod-018-0, MOD-019-0.1, and MOD-021, which are otherwise known as MOD C Standards. This new standard will address the Loads and Resources Data Collection that is done in the January-February time frame each year. It will also inquire about Demand Side Management.

A complete set of Reliability Standards, updated March 3, 2015, along with a Glossary of Terms, can be found at <http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Reliability%20Standards%20Complete%20Set/RSCompleteSet.pdf>

The main focus of NorthWestern Energy right now is the upcoming NERC audit. Early data requests may be received any time after March 11, 2015. The Offsite audit begins on March 30. The Onsite audit begins on April 6 and concludes on April 10. A preliminary audit report should be issued on April 24.