



Networked Lighting Control System Technical Requirements

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Schedule of Revisions

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1.0	Apr 21, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial Technical Requirements published.
1.01	May 7, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarified that the Technical Requirements are for interior control systems. Systems designed and marketed exclusively for exterior applications are not eligible to be qualified.
1.02	Feb 24, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarified that the Technical Requirements do not cover DC or PoE systems.
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3.0	Jun 1, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Version 3.0 published, with addition of DC/PoE systems, scenes, and multi-year plans for energy monitoring and cybersecurity.
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5.0	June 23, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NLC5 published, with addition of cybersecurity requirement. Energy monitoring definition aligned with ASHRAE 90.1-2016. Three capabilities labeled as supporting Interoperability.

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11 This document defines requirements to be met or reported for lighting control systems listed on the
12 DesignLights Consortium (DLC) Networked Lighting Controls Qualified Products List (QPL).

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28 Scope of Technical Requirements

29 These are requirements for interior and exterior networked lighting control (NLC) systems associated with
30 commercial and industrial buildings, roadways, and exterior environments. **Note that while the DLC accepts
31 exterior NLC systems, these systems are not addressed comprehensively at present.** NLC systems are defined
32 for the purposes of these requirements as the combination of sensors, network interfaces, and controllers
33 that effect lighting changes in luminaires, retrofit kits or lamps. Luminaires, retrofit kits and lamps are qualified
34 separately by the DLC's [Solid-State Lighting Technical Requirements](#) and [Qualified Products List](#).

35 DC and PoE networked lighting control systems are eligible to be qualified, in conjunction with the [SSL Testing
36 and Reporting Requirements for DC and PoE Lamps, Luminaires, and Retrofit Kits](#).

37 Building Management Systems that control networked lighting plus other building systems, such as HVAC, are
38 eligible to be qualified as NLC systems and listed on the QPL, provided that they meet all of the DLC's
39 requirements for NLC. Note that the DLC does not claim to qualify any HVAC-specific capabilities of these
40 systems at this time.

41 Horticultural control systems are not eligible to be qualified at this time.

42 Definition of “Required” vs. “Reported” Capabilities

43 The Technical Requirements are built on “Required” and “Reported” system capabilities.

44 **“Required” Capabilities:** Required capabilities shall be available in all systems to be listed on the QPL. Systems
45 that do not offer these capabilities are not eligible to be listed. A successful application will provide
46 information on the availability of these capabilities and characteristics. Key information provided by the
47 manufacturer will be published on the QPL.

48 *Note:* While the DLC requires systems to offer a particular capability, the DLC does not specify whether a
49 capability must be installed on a project. For instance, while the DLC requires systems to have daylight
50 harvesting/photocell capability, the DLC does not specify which rooms or luminaires on a project must be
51 installed with daylight harvesting/photocell capability. Project-specific requirements for rebates and incentives
52 are determined by individual efficiency programs.

53 **“Reported” Capabilities:** The DLC will report on the presence or absence of, type, and/or characteristics of
54 each Reported capability for qualified systems. While systems are not required to include these capabilities, a
55 successful application will provide information on the presence or absence of these capabilities and their
56 characteristics. Key information provided by the manufacturer will be published on the QPL.

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58 Additional Requirements (in addition to Tables 1, 2, 3)

59 **“Customer Available Information”**: In order for an applicant to claim a capability listed in Tables 1 and 2, the
60 manufacturer’s customer literature must specify that the system has the capability, with instructions for how
61 to configure and/or use this feature.

62 “Customer available” means the documentation is for a finished product available publicly on a website,
63 and/or included with the product packaging, and/or provided to the customer upon request. It should not be a
64 document produced for the sole purpose of obtaining DLC qualification without further use for customers. The
65 DLC reserves the right to accept, reject, or require changes to documentation to satisfy this requirement. Any
66 documentation provided to the DLC will be used for the purpose of verifying compliance with DLC Technical
67 Requirements and will not be made available publicly or distributed.

68 The following capabilities from Table 1 and 2 are exempt from this requirement:

- 69 • Continuous Dimming
- 70 • Individual Addressability
- 71 • Luminaire Level Lighting Control (LLLC, integrated)
- 72 • Networking
- 73 • Ease of Implementation
- 74 • Type of User Interface
- 75 • Cybersecurity
- 76 • Control Persistence

77 **Warranty**: The DLC requires a minimum warranty of at least 5 years for all components of the system
78 addressed by the requirements, with the exception of software, on-premises computer server, and cloud
79 service. An optional warranty extension to 5 years is acceptable for meeting this requirement; however, the
80 QPL will identify that an extended warranty must be purchased to meet the requirements.

81 **Commercial Availability and Verification**: All systems must be fully commercially available in the U.S and/or
82 Canada, able to be purchased, and with complete, final documentation and literature readily available on the
83 manufacturer’s website before they can be listed. The DLC requires that a qualified system has been installed
84 and operated successfully in at least one actual field installation at a third-party site (not occupied by the
85 applicant or an agent of the applicant). The DLC will verify this through a case study and/or a customer
86 reference. The facility can be of any size where all of the required capabilities are functional. Multiple sites
87 may be used; for instance, occupancy sensing may be implemented at one site and high-end trim at another. If
88 daylight harvest is not available at a third-party site, then it can be demonstrated in an installation at a
89 building owned by the manufacturer, in a live webinar. Daylight harvest is the only required capability eligible
90 for this exception.

91 **System Overview Presentation**: As part of the application review process, the DLC requires a system overview
92 to be presented via webinar or in-person to the DLC. See the application form for more information. For
93 annual re-listings of a previously qualified system for which a recording of a prior presentation is available and
94 the system has not changed extensively, this requirement may be waived or shortened.

95 All requirements documents, including the application form, instructions, and supporting documentation can
96 be found on the DLC website at <https://www.designlights.org/lighting-controls/qualify-a-system>.

98 Multi-Year Plans

99 In order to serve the needs of stakeholders for long term planning, the DLC has included multi-year plans for
100 energy monitoring and cybersecurity in versions 3.0, 4.0, and now 5.0 of the Technical Requirements. These
101 plans have outlined a general direction for each topic, subject to refinement through the stakeholder input
102 process. After the release of NLC5, the DLC will develop a new multi-year plan for NLC. The process will involve
103 extensive stakeholder engagement, including virtual and/or in person event(s).

104 Interoperability

105 Building systems, including networked lighting control (NLC) systems, increasingly need to cooperate and
106 communicate with other systems beyond their boundaries to achieve a higher level of operational efficiency
107 and energy savings. This communication of systems or system components and the ability to act upon the
108 communicated information is called “interoperability”. Interoperability among building components and
109 systems is the key enabler for unlocking the benefits from multi-system operation and optimization. For
110 background context, please see a report by the DLC, “[Interoperability for Networked Lighting Controls](#)”,
111 published May 2020.

112 Interoperability is recognized in NLC5 as a new type of NLC capability. The interoperability capabilities shown
113 in Tables 1.1 and 2.1 below will assist in selection of products that support interoperability in relation to
114 specific use cases. Over time, the DLC plans to recognize additional use cases and to report the system
115 capabilities that support these use cases in order to assist end users in choosing appropriate systems for
116 various uses. As a starting point, the DLC has identified three use cases for initial priority in reporting
117 interoperability. These three use cases are addressed by three corresponding capabilities: External Systems
118 Integration, Load Shedding/Demand Response, and Energy Monitoring. Within the interoperability umbrella,
119 the basic energy monitoring capability is “Required”, while advanced aspects of energy monitoring, such as
120 data content and format, are “Reported”. Other capabilities are “Reported”, but not “Required”, as described
121 in the section above ‘Definition of “Required” vs. “Reported” Capabilities’. The DLC continues to track relevant
122 standards as they develop.

123 Descriptions of the 3 initial interoperability use cases:

124 1. External Systems Integration

125 **Description:** Data from NLC components, such as luminaires, sensors, and controllers, is made
126 available through an Application Programming Interface (API) or BMS¹, and can be utilized by other
127 building systems to improve their operational efficiencies. Accessing the NLC component data using
128 the API or BMS allows integration with other building systems, including the Heating Ventilation and
129 Air Conditioning (HVAC) system, energy management system, security system, etc. For example, an
130 HVAC system might use occupancy data from an NLC system.

131 **Reporting:** An example of data about external systems integration that already exists in the DLC
132 database is occupancy data granularity. Under NLC5, this data will be presented on the QPL as an

¹ While open BMS protocols can be used instead of API, the need for extensive customized site-specific programming may limit the scalability of integration.

133 aspect of interoperability. The NLC5 application will include additional “Reported” questions regarding
134 communications with external systems through APIs and reporting frequency/latency/format.

135 **2. Load Shedding/Demand Response (LS/DR)**

136 **Description:** *Basic/1-way:* A demand response signal is received by an NLC system, and the energy
137 consumption of the system is reduced in a pre-defined way, on a temporary basis, without manual
138 intervention. *Advanced/2-way:* A control feedback loop and communication is established between a
139 building’s demand response server and a demand control originator (such as a grid operator, energy
140 provider, microgrid, or onsite Distributed Energy Resource), so that the building modifies its real-time
141 energy consumption in response to the originator’s needs, and reports the results to the originator.
142 The NLC participates in this ecosystem as one of the load-responding building systems.

143 **Reporting:** Examples of data about communication for LS/DR² that already exist in the DLC database
144 include power data availability, granularity, and accuracy; and supported versions of OpenADR. The
145 NLC5 application may include additional “Reported” questions regarding LS/DR. The DLC will work
146 with a multi-stakeholder group to explore LS/DR 1-way and 2-way communication, and to promote an
147 ecosystem of load responding building systems that meet the requirements of Table 3, Row 16.

148 **3. Energy Monitoring (EM)**

149 **Description:** Lighting system energy data is reported by the NLC and can be shared electronically
150 (automatically or manually generated email) with authorized entities. For example, utility energy
151 efficiency programs for NLCs can receive the energy data to verify energy savings. The lighting energy
152 data may also be accessed for central display of facility energy end-use status or for a building
153 portfolio management provider to benchmark energy performance. Ideally, the data will use a
154 standardized data model, when available.

155 **Requirement:** The basic capability of energy monitoring is “Required”, with an exception for room-
156 based systems. Data is reported via a .CSV file and/or an API. Methods of energy monitoring may
157 include automated measurement methods and methods that require manual input of wattage to
158 measure energy use. As part of the application or re-application process, each product that qualifies
159 for energy monitoring must provide the DLC with a sample .CSV file or API documentation.

160 **Energy monitoring capability is not required for room-based systems.** A “room-based system” is
161 defined as follows: A system that is designed to control lighting in a single room or space, and where
162 the control, configuration, and management of the system is contained within the room or space
163 illuminated by the system. In order to interact with the system, (for instance, to change any settings or
164 to download any data), a user must be physically present in, or in close proximity to, the room or
165 space illuminated by the system.

166 In order for a system to qualify for this exemption, the DLC review process confirms that the product
167 claims only “Room or Zone” for interior scope as listed on the DLC QPL; and that if a room based

² For a recent exploration of this topic, see “The Value Proposition for Cost-Effective, Demand Responsive-Enabling, Nonresidential Lighting System Retrofits in California Buildings”, April 2019, Peter Schwartz et al, <https://www.energy.ca.gov/2019publications/CEC-500-2019-041/CEC-500-2019-041.pdf>

168 system is capable of being upgraded with an internet connection, then that upgraded system shall
 169 meet all of the required capabilities of the Technical Requirements and be listed on the QPL.

170 The basic capability of energy monitoring is loosely aligned with ASHRAE 90.1-2016 Section 8.4.3
 171 "Electrical Energy Monitoring", as outlined below in Table 3, Row 11.

172 Advanced capabilities of energy monitoring are "Reported".

173 In the absence of a more detailed applicable standard (beyond ASHRAE 90.1) describing energy data
 174 reports, details about data content in the following tables are "Reported", not "Required".

175 Tables EM-1 and EM-2 describe the recommended (but not required) contents of an energy
 176 monitoring data report. The Online NLC QPL will report which systems offer these contents. This table
 177 is derived from the DLC report "[Energy Savings from Networked Lighting Control \(NLC\) Systems](#)",
 178 9/21/2017, Appendix A, Tables 8 and 9. The DLC is participating in the ANSI/NEMA C137 Committee to
 179 develop more specific data requirements. In the meantime, the required content of an energy
 180 monitoring data report is described in Table 3, Row 11.

181 **Table EM-1: Recommended Energy Data Reporting Guidelines for .CSV or API; Static Data**

Row	Topic	Data Element	Definition	Note
1.1	Headings	For each field	Each type of data element is identified by a heading.	Text such as "Manufacturer", "Product", etc.
1.2	System	Manufacturer	The manufacturer of the NLC system	Text
1.3	System	Product	The name of the NLC system	Text
1.4	Site	Building/Business Type [*Note A]	The main business function in the portion of the building where the NLC system is installed	From ASHRAE 90.1-2016 Table 9.5.1
1.5	Baseline for NLC	Maximum Rated Power with no control strategy enabled	The maximum possible power consumption of the lighting system without any control strategy in effect. If a luminaire retrofit has occurred, this value is equal to the maximum rated power of the new luminaire(s). The spatial granularity matches the energy measurements. For instance, if energy is reported at each luminaire, then the baseline power is reported at each luminaire.	Separate data for interior vs. exterior. Units = kilowatts
1.6	Energy	Energy Reporting Interval [*Note B]	The frequency an energy measurement is reported (15 minutes or less)	Units = minutes
1.7	Energy	Data method	How is energy interval data calculated?	Text such as "15 minute average from 3 samples spaced 5 minutes apart"
1.8	Energy	Energy Data units	Energy data is in Wh or kWh?	Units = text such as "Wh" or "kWh"

182 **Table EM-2: Recommended Energy Data Reporting Guidelines for .CSV or API; Dynamic Variables**

Row	Topic	Data Element	Definition	Note
2.1	Headings	For each field	Each type of data element is identified by a heading.	Text such as “Unix Time”, “Energy Data kWh”, etc.
2.2	Energy	Timestamp	Date and time of each energy measurement	Unix time or RFC 3339 time
2.3	Energy	Energy Data	The actual energy readings that are recorded for each luminaire or group of luminaires	Units = kWh or Wh
2.4	Energy	Confidence Level	The percentage of all possible samples expected to include the true population parameter.	Units = %
2.5	Energy	Nominal Accuracy	% accuracy of the energy data [<i>*Note C</i>]	Text such as “+/-3% or 0.005 kWh, whichever is larger”
2.6	Energy	Recorded Period	Months of 15 minute interval data in this particular record	Units=months

183 **Note A:** For Building/Business Type, ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016, “Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-
 184 Rise Residential Buildings” Table 9.5.1 can be freely viewed at [https://www.ashrae.org/technical-](https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/standards-and-guidelines/read-only-versions-of-ashrae-standards)
 185 [resources/standards-and-guidelines/read-only-versions-of-ashrae-standards](https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/standards-and-guidelines/read-only-versions-of-ashrae-standards), PDF page 155.

186 **Note B:** The need for 15 minute interval data is derived from the IPMVP Options A and B, as typically
 187 implemented by utility programs (International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol:
 188 Core Concepts and Options for Determining Energy and Water Savings EVO-10000-1.2016, Efficiency
 189 Valuation Organization, evo-world.org.)

190 **Note C:** The accuracy of the energy data as defined by the manufacturer. In the future, the DLC expects to
 191 recognize standards of accuracy as they become available from ANSI C136 and C137.

192 **Future plans for interoperability:**

- 193 • **Additional Use Cases**
 194 Use cases in the future may involve additional capabilities beyond the three in NLC5.

195 Cybersecurity

196 In alignment with the multi-year cybersecurity plan previously published in versions 3.0 and 4.0 of this
197 document, the DLC is taking the next step to help ensure qualified systems utilize best-practice standards for
198 cybersecurity. The cybersecurity capability is “Required” under NLC5. The criteria have been expanded from
199 NLC V4.0 to offer more options for compliance.

- 200 • While the standards in Table CS-1 and services in Table CS-2 can be applied to NLCs, not all of their
201 requirements may be relevant for various applications of lighting control systems.
- 202 • Manufacturers and their certification bodies should review each option to identify the appropriate
203 requirements for each system being qualified, and customers should select product requirements
204 based on the risk profile of each project.
- 205 • In order to claim the cybersecurity capability, a system must, at the time of qualification, have a valid
206 certification for one or more of the specified standards in Table CS-1, or services in Table CS-2.
- 207 • The list of applicable standards in Table CS-1 and services in Table CS-2 will be reviewed for each
208 incremental revision to the Technical Requirements, or annually, whichever comes sooner.
209 Applications referring to a potential new standard or service will only be accepted for review after the
210 new standard or service has been vetted, and an updated set of Technical Requirement has been
211 published. The addition of a new standard or service may only warrant a minor Technical
212 Requirements update, such as from NLC5 to NLC5.1.
- 213 • Certification in any one of the four categories of Table CS-1 (Process, Components, System, Cloud
214 Services) is sufficient.
- 215 • Table CS-3 describes how DLC reviewers will confirm compliance.
- 216 • The DLC will confirm that cybersecurity certification will be valid for at least 12 months after the time
217 of application submission. If the certification will expire within a year, the NLC manufacturer will need
218 to submit a letter of intention of renewal with the application and will need to provide an updated
219 certificate upon its expiration, in compliance with Table CS-2 or CS-3, to avoid being delisted.
- 220 • The DLC will confirm cybersecurity certification once a year in July, whether or not a system updates
221 data to the next Technical Requirements version. If a certificate has lapsed, a system will need to
222 recertify in order to avoid being delisted.
- 223 • Some cybersecurity certifications offer different levels of compliance based on risk management. For
224 instance, some standards offer lower performance requirements for room level systems that cannot
225 be upgraded to add a permanent internet connection. Therefore, the DLC cybersecurity requirement
226 applies to all systems—with the understanding that comprehensive systems with many capabilities are
227 subject to more rigor, compared to simple systems with few capabilities.
- 228 • The grace period for renewals is described below under “Delisting and Next Release”. For the new
229 cybersecurity requirement introduced with NLC5, the same grace period is extended to products that
230 have not been previously listed on the DLC QPL.

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232 **Criteria for acceptable cybersecurity standards:**

233 The DLC recognizes the cybersecurity standards listed in Table CS-1 that meet criteria 1-3 below, and the
234 cybersecurity services listed in Table CS-2 that meet criteria 2-3 below:

- 235 1. Certifiable with a methodology established through either:
- 236 a. A voluntary consensus process such as ANSI, ISO, IEC, etc.
 - 237 b. A federal agency of the USA or Canada
 - 238 c. A collaborative multi-stakeholder engagement process such as the Cloud Security Alliance
- 239 2. Applies to one or more of the following:
- 240 a. Product development process lifecycle
 - 241 b. Components/Embedded Devices
 - 242 c. System
 - 243 d. Cloud Services
- 244 3. Includes at least 3 of the following technical content, for (2. b, c, d) above:
- 245 a. Penetration testing
 - 246 b. Communication robustness testing
 - 247 c. Vulnerability identification testing
 - 248 d. Multiple levels of security

249 **Definitions:**

- 250 • **Cybersecurity:** The practice of defending networked systems and data from malicious attacks.
- 251 • **Process:** Standards that address the development process in order to reduce the number of
252 cybersecurity vulnerabilities that are designed into components, systems, and services, and that
253 manifest over the product lifecycle.
- 254 • **Components:** Standards that address the cybersecurity of each individual physical end device in a
255 networked system.
- 256 • **System:** Standards that address the networked system, including aspects such as authentication, data
257 confidentiality, system integrity, service availability, protocol converters, firewalls, gateways, web
258 servers, and web services interfaces.
- 259 • **Cloud Services:** Standards for cloud services that address secure integration with services from a
260 remote cloud computing provider.

261 **List of certifications:**

262 Certifications that meet the criteria are listed in Tables CS-1 and CS-2. Once a certification is on this list, the
263 DLC does not expect to remove it with less than two years of notice.

264 **Future plans for cybersecurity:**

265 The DLC plans to maintain cybersecurity requirements similar to NLC5 for at least two years, with the possible
266 addition of new standards as they become available, and minor changes in language if needed for clarification.
267 In the meantime, development efforts will explore the potential for more substantial updates after two or
268 more years, to keep pace with the fields of cybersecurity and cyber privacy.

269 **Table CS-1: Cybersecurity Standards Recognized by the DLC**

Standard	Process	Components/ Embedded Devices	System	Cloud Services
ANSI/UL 2900-1	y	y		
ANSI/ISA/IEC 62443	62443-4-1	62443-4-2	62443-3-3	
SOC 2	y		y	y
ISO 27001	y			
ISO 27017 (with 27001)				y
FedRAMP				y
CSA STAR				y
ioXt		y	y	y

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271 **Table CS-2: Cybersecurity Services Recognized by the DLC**

Service	Proof of Compliance
UL IoT Security Rating (UL 1376)	Copy of certificate or letter from UL
CSA Cybersecurity Verification Program (CVP) (CSA T200)	Copy of certificate or letter from CSA
Intertek Cyber Assured	Copy of certificate or letter from Intertek

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273 **Table CS-3: Proof of Cybersecurity Standard Compliance**

274 *Renewal is required at least every 3 years in order for a certificate to remain valid.*

Standard	Proof of Compliance
ANSI/UL 2900-1	Certification claim listed on applicant’s website, plus a compliance letter or copy of certificate issued by an accredited certification body.
IEC 62443	ISASecure registry of a component, system, or Certified Development Organization at https://www.isasecure.org/en-US/End-Users/ or Copy of IECEE certificate, or listed at https://certificates.iecee.org/ods/cb_hm.xsp or Copy of certificate from other accredited agency, such as UL, VDE, DEKRA, etc.
SOC 2	Certification claim listed on applicant’s website, plus a compliance letter from 3 rd party auditor.
ISO 27001	Copy of an accredited certification from a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board as listed at http://anabdirectory.remoteauditor.com/
ISO 27017 (with 27001)	Copy of an accredited certification from a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board as listed at http://anabdirectory.remoteauditor.com/
FedRAMP	“Authorized” at https://marketplace.fedramp.gov/#/products?status=Compliant;FedRAMP%20Ready&sort=productName
CSA STAR	“Certification” or “Attestation” at https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/star/registry/
ioXt	Copy of ioXt certificate or letter from accredited testing organization or certified at https://compliance.ioxtalliance.org/products

275 **Delisting and Next Release**

276 **NLC Version 3.0 delisting:**

277 NLC3 listed systems will be delisted on October 31, 2020, unless they have been updated to NLC5 with
278 cybersecurity.

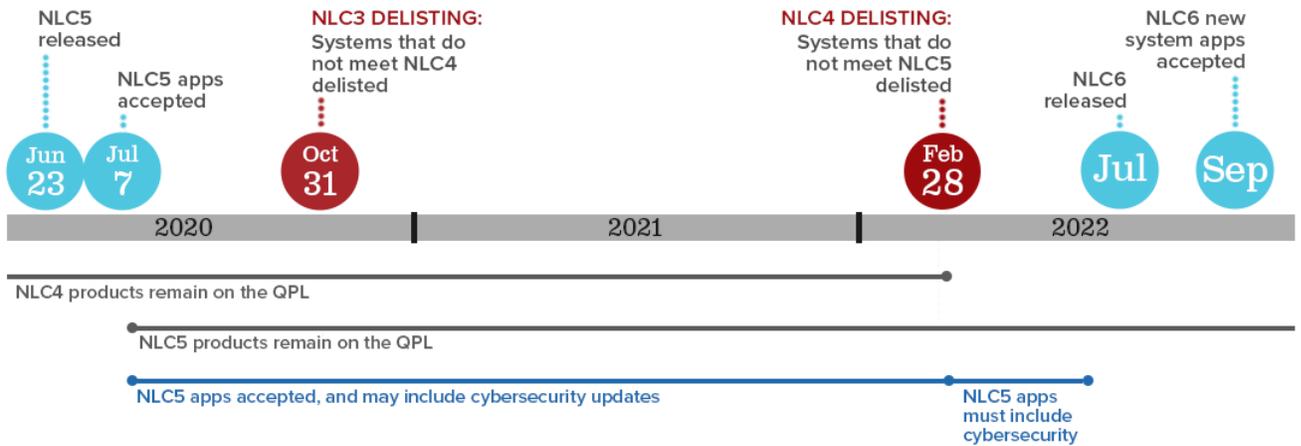
279 **NLC Version 4.0 delisting:**

280 Any NLC4 systems that have not been updated to NLC5 (that is, that do not have DLC-recognized
281 cybersecurity) will be delisted on February 28, 2022. (This date has been extended from October 31, 2021
282 because of COVID-19-related complications in product development.) Before February 28, 2022, if a new
283 system applies without cybersecurity or a listed system reapplies without cybersecurity, the system will be
284 listed as NLC4 until proof of cybersecurity is submitted. When cybersecurity proof is accepted by the DLC, the
285 listing version will be updated to match the application version most recently submitted for that system.

286 **Timeline of the next Technical Requirements release:**

287 The current plan for the timeline of future releases is shown below. The releases are moving to a 2-year cycle
288 rather than an annual cycle. Delisting of products without cybersecurity will occur on February 28, 2022.

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293 **Requirements for Interior Lighting Systems**

294 For interior lighting systems, Table 1 summarizes general “Required” and “Reported” system capabilities, and
 295 Table 1.1 summarizes “Required” and “Reported” system capabilities pertaining to Interoperability.

296 **Table 1: “Required” and “Reported” Capabilities for Interior Lighting Systems**

‘Required’ Interior System Capabilities	‘Reported’ Interior System Capabilities
Networking of Luminaires and Devices	Control Persistence
Occupancy Sensing	Scheduling
Daylight Harvesting/Photocell Control	Device Monitoring/Remote Diagnostics
High-End Trim	Type of User Interface
Zoning	Luminaire Level Lighting Control (LLLC, integrated)
Individual Addressability	Personal Control
Continuous Dimming	Plug Load Control
Cybersecurity	Emergency Lighting
	Color Changing/Tuning
	Ease of Implementation
	Scene Control

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298 **Table 1.1: Interior Lighting System Capabilities Focused on Interoperability**

‘Required’ Interior System Capabilities	‘Reported’ Interior System Capabilities
Energy Monitoring (except room-based systems)	Energy Monitoring (room-based systems)
	Load Shedding/Demand Response
	External Systems Integration

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301 **Requirements for Exterior Lighting Systems**

302 For exterior lighting systems, Table 2 summarizes general “Required” and “Reported” system capabilities, and
 303 Table 2.1 summarizes “Required” and “Reported” system capabilities pertaining to Interoperability.

304 **Table 2: “Required” and “Reported” Capabilities for Exterior Lighting Systems**

‘Required’ Exterior System Capabilities	‘Reported’ Exterior System Capabilities
Networking of Luminaires and Devices	Control Persistence
Occupancy Sensing AND/OR Traffic Sensing	Device Monitoring/Remote Diagnostics
Daylight Harvesting/Photocell Control	Type of User Interface
High-End Trim	Luminaire Level Lighting Control (LLLC, integrated)
Zoning	Emergency Lighting
Individual Addressability	Color Changing/Tuning
Continuous Dimming	Ease of Implementation
Scheduling	Scene Control
Cybersecurity	

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306 **Table 2.1: Exterior Lighting System Capabilities Focused on Interoperability**

‘Required’ Exterior System Capabilities	‘Reported’ Exterior System Capabilities
Energy Monitoring	Load Shedding/Demand Response
	External Systems Integration

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308 Capability and Requirement Definitions

309 Table 3 provides a definition of each capability. This table applies to both Interior and Exterior systems, except
 310 where noted. If an applicant answers 'yes' to a capability definition in Table 3, that capability can be claimed.
 311 If an applicant answers 'no', then the capability cannot be claimed. The DLC NLC application form specifies in
 312 more detail the information the DLC asks about each capability, and the information that will be published on
 313 the QPL. Beyond the basic definitions shown in Table 3, the DLC NLC application contains additional questions
 314 about most capabilities. After answering 'yes' to the first key question about a capability, an applicant can
 315 answer additional questions about that capability with any well-documented response.

316 Note: Some NLC systems control luminaires and retrofit kits, and some NLC systems control lamps within
 317 luminaires. The latter systems use a wireless controller integrated inside each lamp. The "luminaires/lamps"
 318 phrase indicates that a requirement applies to luminaires and retrofit kits if an NLC system controls luminaires
 319 and retrofit kits; and the requirement applies to lamps if an NLC system controls lamps.

320 **Table 3: Definitions of Capabilities & Requirements**

Row	Capability	Definition
1	Networking of Luminaires and Devices	The capability of individual luminaires/lamps and control devices to exchange digital data with other luminaires/lamps and control devices on the system. This capability is required at the room, space, or area level, but not at the whole building level or beyond (e.g. non-lighting systems, or the internet).
2	Occupancy Sensing	The capability to affect the operation of lighting equipment based upon detecting the presence or absence of people in a space or exterior environment. Exterior systems must include either occupancy sensing or traffic sensing. They may include both, but that is not required.
3	Traffic Sensing	The capability to affect the operation of lighting or other equipment based upon detecting the presence or absence of moving vehicles in an area. Systems may satisfy this requirement through external systems integration as described below in lieu of in-system sensors if another source of data is used for presence or absence detection. Exterior systems must include either occupancy sensing or traffic sensing. They may include both, but that is not required.
4	Daylight Harvesting / Photocell Control	The capability to automatically affect the operation of lighting or other equipment based on the amount of daylight and/or ambient light that is present in a space, area, or exterior environment. This capability is typically called daylight harvesting for interior systems, and photocell control for exterior systems.

5	High-End Trim*	<p>The capability to set the maximum light output to a less-than-maximum state of an individual or group of luminaires/lamps at the time of installation or commissioning. High-end trim must be field reconfigurable. This capability is distinct from automatic compensation for lumen depreciation, which automatically increases output as a system operates over time.</p> <p>*While the DLC specifically requires “High-end trim”, some manufacturers refer to this capability as “task tuning” or “tuning” within their system interfaces. Refer to NEMA LSD 64-2014 for definitions of lighting controls terminology.</p>
6	Zoning	<p>The capability to group luminaires/lamps and form unique lighting control zones for a control strategy via software-defined means, and not via physical configuration of mechanical or electrical installation details (e.g. wiring).</p> <p><i>Interior:</i> Zoning is required for occupancy sensing, high-end trim, and daylight harvesting control strategies except for systems that feature luminaire level lighting control (LLLC) capabilities as defined in these requirements under “Reported Capabilities”, in which case zoning is only required for occupancy sensing and high-end trim control strategies.</p> <p><i>Exterior:</i> Zoning is required for high-end trim.</p>
7	Individual Addressability	<p>The ability to uniquely identify and/or address each individual luminaire/lamp, sensor, controller, and user interface device in the lighting system, allowing for configuration and re-configuration of devices and control zones independent of electrical circuiting.</p>
8	Continuous Dimming	<p>The capability of a control system to provide control with sufficient resolution in output (100+ steps) to support light level changes perceived as smooth (as opposed to step dimming with a small number of discrete light levels).</p>
9	Control Persistence	<p>The capability of a networked lighting control system’s lowest-level (“edge device”) luminaire/lamp controllers to execute three energy saving strategies (occupancy sensing, daylight harvesting, and high-end trim) at a room-level, or finer, resolution in the absence of communications with the next higher networked element in the system’s topology.</p>
10	Scheduling	<p>The capability to automatically affect the operation of lighting equipment based on time of day. Scheduling capability is reported for interior systems and required for exterior systems. Exterior systems are required to have time-based scheduling, and "astronomical" scheduling functionality for sunrise and sunset programming, based on geographical location and time of year.</p>

11	Energy Monitoring	<p>The capability of a system to report the energy consumption of a luminaire/lamp and/or a group of luminaires/lamps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual luminaire/lamp monitoring as well as energy monitoring on dedicated lighting circuits is acceptable. • The method by which the system implements this capability must be clearly described, including whether the system provides automated energy measurement or relies on numerical manual input during system setup for accurate measurement (such as inputting the wattage of each luminaire/lamp in a project). • Reference consists of one or both of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sample .CSV file with documentation ○ API documentation • The basic, “required” capability of energy monitoring is aligned with ASHRAE 90.1-2016 Section 8.4.3. as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Energy use by interior lighting (if applicable), exterior lighting (if applicable) and receptacle circuits (if monitored by the NLC) can be monitored independently. ○ For buildings with tenants, the data for each tenant space can be reported to each tenant. ○ The lighting system energy use can be recorded at least once every 15 minutes and reported at least hourly, daily, monthly, and annually, or recorded and reported upon state change. ○ Energy use data can be transmitted to a building control system (if present) and graphically displayed. ○ System shall be able to store data for at least 24 months. • Energy monitoring is “reported” for room-based systems, but not “required”. In order for room-based systems to claim the optional energy monitoring capability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Energy data can be retrieved by a user in the room when required - hourly, daily, monthly or yearly; or on demand. ○ Energy data can be retrieved in the form of a CSV file and/or API. • In order for a system to qualify for the room-based exemption, the DLC review process will confirm that the product claims only “Room or Zone” for interior scope as listed on the DLC QPL.
12	Device Monitoring / Remote Diagnostics	<p>The capability to monitor, diagnose, and report operational performance including system and/or component failures.</p>
13	Type of User Interface	<p>The type of interface provided by the control system for users to read and adjust control system settings during system start-up, commissioning, and/or ongoing operation.</p>

14	Luminaire Level Lighting Control (LLLC, integrated)	<p>The capability to have a networked occupancy sensor and ambient light sensor installed for each luminaire or kit, and directly integrated or embedded into the form factor during the luminaire or kit manufacturing process.</p> <p>In addition to these required integrated components, LLLC systems must have control persistence capability as described in this document.</p> <p>To demonstrate commercial availability of the integrated component options, at least one family, luminaire or kit with integrated control must be verified by the DLC. Manufacturers may choose whether or not to list this information publicly on the QPL.</p>
15	Personal Control	<p>The capability for individual users to adjust to their personal preferences, via networked means, the illuminated environment of a light fixture or group on of light fixtures in a specific task area. The publicly available information must clearly describe a control interface for use by a single individual who does not have access to system-wide settings.</p> <p>A wireless dimmer switch may only be considered a personal control interface if product documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows that the physical configuration is suitable for workstation use (i.e. a small, self-contained unit without any external wiring, suitable for use as a handheld remote control), and • describes configuration for personal control within a larger area. <p>A software-based interface may only be considered personal control if product documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows it provides a specific interface intended for personal control by an individual user within a subsection of a larger space, and that • the interface only allows access to personal control functions for the light fixtures in the specific areas being controlled (i.e. each occupant can control their own area, but not their neighbors' areas).
16	Load Shedding/ Demand Response	<p>The capability to reduce the energy consumption of a lighting system, in a pre-defined way, on a temporary basis, in response to a demand response signal without manual intervention. The method by which the system implements this capability (managed by NLC and/or BMS) must be clearly described in the publicly available reference(s). The method for pre-defining the system behavior for temporary load reduction must be accessible through a user interface. The data the NLC can receive and interpret from other networked systems must include at least a signal that can be used for purposes such as LS/DR.</p>
17	Plug Load Control	<p>The capability to control the power delivered to receptacles through scheduling or occupancy sensing. The method by which the system implements this capability must be clearly described in the publicly available reference(s).</p>

18	External Systems Integration (e.g. BMS, EMS, HVAC, Lighting, API, Cloud)	<p>The capability to exchange data with other networked systems such as building or energy management systems (BMS/EMS), heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, or other lighting and building systems via BACnet, Modbus, LonWorks or other open protocols, application program interface (API) or other methods. In order to claim this “Reported” capability, the data available from the NLC for exchange with other networked systems must include occupancy status at the zone, space, or area level and energy data at the zone-, circuit- or system-level. The data the NLC can receive and interpret from other networked systems must be digital, that can be used for purposes such as scene control, zones, groups, areas, regions, and/or presets. The method, including formats and languages, by which the system implements this capability must be clearly described in the publicly available reference(s).</p>
19	Emergency Lighting	<p>Publicly available documentation illustrating how a system’s luminaires connect with an emergency power source.</p> <p>The QPL will provide the URL(s) for online documentation provided by manufacturers for system designers to refer to. This documentation will identify wiring diagrams, required components, and/or application guides needed to understand design considerations for integrating the system into an emergency lighting system.</p>
20	Cybersecurity	<p>A cybersecurity certification that meets the DLC criteria. The current standards are shown in Table CS-1 and listed here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANSI/UL 2900-1 • IEC 62443 • SOC 2 • ISO 27001 • ISO 27017 (with 27001) • FedRAMP • CSA STAR • ioXt <p>The current services are shown in Table CS-2 and listed here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UL IoT Security Rating (UL 1376) • CSA Cybersecurity Verification Program (CVP) (CSA T200) • Intertek Cyber Assured <p>Documentation requirements to demonstrate certification are shown in Tables CS-2 and CS-3.</p>
21	Color Changing / Tuning	<p>The capability to alter the output and color of tunable white and/or variable color output luminaires via a dedicated control interface(s). To demonstrate compliance with this capability, the interface(s) must be clearly described in the product literature and allow for at least two CCT settings. These settings may be described in terms of CCT, such as 3000K or 5000K, or simple descriptive terms for the desired setting such as 'Night' or 'Day'. The product literature must also specify installation and configuration requirements to implement this functionality.</p>

22	Ease of Implementation	The QPL will identify the most typical responsible party and their required level of training to start-up and configure the system to the extent that all required capabilities are functioning. Documentation is not required.
23	Scenes	The capability of a system to provide two or more pre-programmed light level settings for a group or multiple groups of luminaires to suit multiple activities in a space, and allow for recall of these settings via a switch, control device, or signal from a BMS or API.

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Policy Clarifications and Updates

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Table 4 shows minor corrections or clarifications to the NLC5 document, and where they can be found in the document.

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Table 4: Corrections and clarifications published as needed

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