

# Regional Reliability Standards

## Announcement

Western Electricity Coordinating Council

VAR-501-WECC-4

**Comment Period Open through September 29, 2023**

### [Now Available](#)

Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) requested that NERC post **Regional Reliability Standard VAR-501-WECC-4 (Power System Stabilizer)** for industry review and comment in accordance with the NERC Rules of Procedure.

### **Background**

Proposed Regional Reliability Standard VAR-501-WECC-4 – Power System Stabilizer modifies the currently effective regional standard VAR-501-WECC-3.1 as follows:

- Updates to the document template, numbering, and template sections as provided by NERC
- Removal of stale-dated verbiage included in the Effective Date
- Removal of the redundant phrase, “[F]or auditing purposes....” From Measure M4
- Updates to syntax
- Correction of “[s]tandard” to “[S]tandard”
- Correction of “dampen” to “damp” in the Rationale and Guidance section

The WECC Board of Directors approved the proposed regional standard on June 14, 2023.

### **Commenting**

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. Comments must be submitted by **8 p.m. Eastern, Friday, September 29, 2023**. An unofficial Word version of the comment form is posted on the [Regional Reliability Standards Under Development](#) page.

- *Contact NERC IT support directly at <https://support.nerc.net/> (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern) for problems regarding accessing the SBS due to a forgotten password, incorrect credential error messages, or system lock-out.*
- *Passwords expire every **6 months** and must be reset.*
- *The SBS is **not** supported for use on mobile devices.*

- *Please be mindful of ballot and comment period closing dates. We ask to **allow at least 48 hours** for NERC support staff to assist with inquiries. Therefore, it is recommended that users try logging into their SBS accounts **prior to the last day** of a comment/ballot period.*

### **Regional Reliability Standards Development Process**

Section 300 of [NERC's Rules of Procedures of the Electric Reliability Organization](#) governs the regional reliability standards development process. Although the technical aspects of this Regional Reliability Standard have been vetted through WECC Regional Standards development process, the final approval process for a Regional Reliability Standard requires NERC publicly to notice and request comment on the criteria outlined in the unofficial comment form.

Documents and information about this project are available on the [Western Electricity Coordinating Council \(WECC\) Standards](#) page.

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