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Standard Number BAL-001-0 Real Power Balancing Control Performance				
R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS1 is less than 100% but greater than or equal to 95%.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS1 is less than 95% but greater than or equal to 90%.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS1 is less than 90% but greater than or equal to 85%.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS1 is less than 85%.
R2.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS2 is less than 90% but greater than or equal to 85%.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS2 is less than 85% but greater than or equal to 80%.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS2 is less than 80% but greater than or equal to 75%.	The Balancing Authority Area's value of CPS2 is less than 75%.
R3.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority providing Overlap Regulation Service failed to use a combined ACE and frequency bias.
R4.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority receiving Overlap Regulation Service failed to ensure that control performance was being evaluated by the Balancing Authority providing Overlap Regulation Service in a manner consistent with the calculation methodology as described in BAL-001-01 R3.

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Standard Number BAL-002-0 Disturbance Control Performance				
R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority did not operate Contingency Reserve to respond to a Disturbance.	The Balancing Authority did not have access to Contingency Reserve to respond to a Disturbance.
R1.1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority has elected to fulfill its Contingency Reserve obligations by participating as a member of a Reserve Sharing Group and the Reserve Sharing Group has not provided the same responsibilities and obligations as required of the responsible entity with respect to monitoring and meeting the requirements of Standard BAL-002.
R2.	The Regional Reliability Organization, sub-Regional Reliability Organization, or Reserve Sharing Group has failed to specify one sub-requirement in its Contingency Reserve policies.	The Regional Reliability Organization, sub-Regional Reliability Organization, or Reserve Sharing Group has failed to specify two sub-requirements in its Contingency Reserve policies.	The Regional Reliability Organization, sub-Regional Reliability Organization, or Reserve Sharing Group has failed to specify three sub-requirements in its Contingency Reserve policies.	The Regional Reliability Organization, sub-Regional Reliability Organization, or Reserve Sharing Group has failed to specify four or more sub-requirements in its Contingency Reserve policies.
R3.	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group's average percent recovery per the NERC DCS quarterly report was less than 100% but	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group's average percent recovery per the NERC DCS quarterly report was less than 95% but	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group's average percent recovery per the NERC DCS quarterly report was less than 90% but	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group's average percent recovery per the NERC DCS quarterly report was less than 85%.

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	greater than or equal to 95%. OR The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to review its probable contingencies to determine its prospective most severe single contingencies annually as specified in R3.1.	greater than or equal to 90%.	greater than or equal to 85%.	OR The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to carry at least enough Contingency Reserve to cover the most severe single contingency as specified in R3.1.
R4.	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to meet the Disturbance Recovery Criterion within the Disturbance Recovery Period for 5% or less of Reportable Disturbances.	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to meet the Disturbance Recovery Criterion within the Disturbance Recovery Period for more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of Reportable Disturbances.	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to meet the Disturbance Recovery Criterion within the Disturbance Recovery Period for more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of Reportable Disturbances.	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to meet the Disturbance Recovery Criterion within the Disturbance Recovery Period for more than 15% of Reportable Disturbances.
R5.	The Reserve Sharing Group missed the DCS requirement for 5% or less of Reportable Disturbances.	The Reserve Sharing Group missed the DCS requirements for more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of Reportable Disturbances.	The Reserve Sharing Group missed the DCS requirements for more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of Reportable Disturbances.	The Reserve Sharing Group missed the DCS requirements for more than 15% of Reportable Disturbances.
R6.	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to restore 5% or less of its contingency reserves during the Contingency Reserve Restoration Period.	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to restore more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of its contingency reserves during the Contingency Reserve	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to restore more than 10% (up to (and including) 15% less of its Contingency Reserve during the Contingency	The Balancing Authority or Reserve Sharing Group failed to restore more than 15% of its Contingency Reserves during the Contingency Reserve Restoration Period.

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		Restoration Period.	Reserve Restoration Period.	

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Standard Number BAL-003-0 Frequency Response and Bias				
R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	The Balancing Authority failed to report the method for determining its Frequency Bias Setting to the NERC Operating Committee.	The Balancing Authority failed to report its Frequency Bias Setting to the NERC Operating Committee.	The Balancing Authority failed to report its Frequency Bias Setting and the method for determining that Frequency Bias Setting to the NERC Operating Committee as required in R1.2	The Balancing Authority failed to review its Frequency Bias Settings by January 1 of each year and recalculate its setting to reflect any change in the Frequency Response of the Balancing Authority Area.
R2.	<p>The Balancing Authority’s determination of the fixed Frequency Bias value was not based on observations and averaging the Frequency Response from Disturbances during on-peak hours.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Balancing Authority’s variable frequency bias maintained was not based on an analysis of Frequency Response as it varied with factors such as load, generation, governor characteristics, and frequency.</p>			The Balancing Authority established and maintained a Frequency Bias Setting that was not as close as practical to, or greater than, the Balancing Authority’s Frequency Response.
R3.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority did not operate its Automatic Generation Control (AGC) on Tie Line Frequency Bias, during periods when such

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R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
				operation would not have been adverse to system or Interconnection reliability.
R4.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority that used Dynamic Scheduling or Pseudo-ties for jointly owned units did not reflect its respective share of the unit governor droop response in its respective Frequency Bias Setting.
R4.1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority (A) that contained the Jointly Owned Unit with fixed schedules did not incorporate the respective share of the unit governor droop response for any Balancing Authorities that have fixed schedules (B and C).
R4.2.	N/A	N/A	N/A	A Balancing Authority that has a fixed schedule (B and C) but does not contain the Jointly Owned Unit included its share of the governor droop response in its Frequency Bias Setting.
R5.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority that served native load failed to have a monthly average

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R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
				Frequency Bias Setting that was at least 1% of the entities estimated yearly peak demand per 0.1 Hz change.
R5.1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority that does not serve native load did not have a monthly average Frequency Bias Setting that was at least 1% of its estimated maximum generation level in the coming year per 0.1 Hz change.
R6.	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority providing Overlap Regulation Service increased its Frequency Bias Setting but not enough to match the response of the entire area being controlled.	The Balancing Authority providing Overlap Regulation Service failed to increase its Frequency Bias Setting at all. OR The Balancing Authority providing Supplemental Regulation Service changed its Frequency Bias Setting.

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Standard Number BAL-004-0 Time Error Correction				
R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The responsible entity has designated more than one interconnection time monitor for a single interconnection.
R2.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The responsible entity serving as the Interconnection Time Monitor failed to initiate or terminate corrective action orders in accordance with the NAESB Time Error Correction Procedure.
R3.	The Balancing Authority failed to participate in 5% or less of requested Time Error Corrections for the calendar year.	The Balancing Authority failed to participate in more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of requested Time Error Corrections for the calendar year.	The Balancing Authority participated in more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of requested Time Error Corrections for the calendar year.	The Balancing Authority failed to participate in more than 15% of requested Time Error Corrections for the calendar year. OR The Balancing Authority failed to participate in the Time Error Correction using one of the methods defined in R3.1 or R3.2.
R4.	NA	NA	NA	A Reliability Coordinator with a reliability concern failed to request termination of the Time Error Correction.

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Standard Number BAL-004-0 Time Error Correction				
R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R4.1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority with reliability concerns failed to notify the Reliability Coordinator and request the termination of a Time Error Correction in progress.

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R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.1.	The Generator Operator with generation facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that 5% or less of those generation facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Generator Operator with generation facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of those generation facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Generator Operator with generation facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of those generation facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Generator Operator with generation facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 15% of those generation facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.
R1.2.	The Transmission Operator with transmission facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that 5% or less of those transmission facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Transmission Operator with transmission facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of those transmission facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Transmission Operator with transmission facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of those transmission facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Transmission Operator with transmission facilities operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 15% of those transmission facilities were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.
R1.3.	The Load-Serving Entity with load operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that 5% or less of those loads were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Load-Serving Entity with load operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of those loads were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Load-Serving Entity with load operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of those loads were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.	The Load-Serving Entity with load operating in an Interconnection failed to ensure that more than 15% of those loads were included within metered boundaries of a Balancing Authority Area.
R2.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to maintain Regulating Reserve that can be controlled by AGC

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				to meet Control Performance Standard.
R3.	N/A	The Balancing Authority providing Regulation Service failed to ensure adequate metering, communications, or control equipment was provided.	The Balancing Authority providing Regulation Service failed to ensure that two of the following were provided: adequate metering, communications, or control equipment.	The Balancing Authority providing Regulation Service failed to ensure adequate metering, communications, and control equipment was provided.
R4.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority providing Regulation Service failed to notify the Host Balancing Authority for whom it is controlling if it was unable to provide the service, as well as any Intermediate Balancing Authorities.
R5.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority receiving Regulation Service failed to ensure that back-up plans were in place to provide replacement Regulation Service
R6.	The Balancing Authority failed to notify the Reliability Coordinator within 30 minutes of its inability to calculate ACE.	The Balancing Authority failed to calculate ACE as specified in the requirement.	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to notify the Reliability Coordinator within 30 minutes of its inability to calculate ACE and failed to use the ACE calculation specified in the

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R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
				requirement in its attempt to calculate ACE.
R7.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to operate AGC continuously when there were no adverse impacts. OR If its AGC was inoperative the Balancing Authority failed to use manual control to adjust generation to maintain the Net Scheduled Interchange.
R8.	The Balancing Authority calculated ACE every 8 seconds or less but more than every 6 seconds. OR The Balancing Authority failed to provide redundant and independent frequency metering equipment that automatically activated upon detection of failure, such that the minimum availability was less than 99.95%, as specified in R8.1.	The Balancing Authority calculated ACE every 10 seconds or less but more than every 8 seconds.	The Balancing Authority calculated ACE every 12 seconds or less but more than every 10 seconds.	The Balancing Authority calculated ACE more than every 12 seconds.

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R9.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to include all Interchange Schedules with Adjacent Balancing Authorities in the calculation of Net Scheduled Interchange for the ACE equation.
R9.1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority with a high voltage direct current (HVDC) link to another Balancing Authority connected asynchronously to its Interconnection chose to omit the Interchange Schedule related to the HVDC link from the ACE equation, but failed to model it as internal generation or load.
R10.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to include all Dynamic Schedules in the calculation of Net Scheduled Interchange for the ACE equation.
R11.	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority included the effects of Ramp rates in the Scheduled Interchange values but they did not match the Adjacent Balancing Authority's value.	The Balancing Authority failed to include the effect of Ramp rates in the Scheduled Interchange values to calculate ACE.

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R12.	The Balancing Authority failed to include 5% or less of all its Tie Line flows in its ACE calculations.	The Balancing Authority failed to include more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of all its Tie Line flows in its ACE calculations.	The Balancing Authority failed to include more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of all its Tie Line flows in its ACE calculations.	The Balancing Authority failed to include more than 15% of all its Tie Line flows in its ACE calculations.
R12.1	<p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure 5% or less of all its Tie Line MW metering was telemetered to both control centers and emanates from a common, agreed-upon source.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that megawatt-hour data was telemetered or reported for 5% or less of the hours.</p>	<p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of all its Tie Line MW metering was telemetered to both control centers and emanates from a common, agreed-upon source.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that megawatt-hour data was telemetered or reported for more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of the hours.</p>	<p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of all its Tie Line MW metering was telemetered to both control centers and emanates from a common, agreed-upon source.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that megawatt-hour data was telemetered or reported for more than 10 up to (and including) 15% of the hours.</p>	<p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure more than 15% of all its Tie Line MW metering was telemetered to both control centers and emanates from a common, agreed-upon source.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that megawatt-hour data was telemetered or reported for more than 15% of the hours.</p>
R12.2.	The responsible entity did not ensure that 5% or less of the power flow and ACE signals are not filtered except for Anti-aliasing filtering.	The responsible entity did not ensure that more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of the power flow and ACE signals are not filtered except for Anti-aliasing filtering.	The responsible entity did not ensure that more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of the power flow and ACE signals are not filtered except for Anti-aliasing filtering.	The responsible entity did not ensure that more than 15% of the power flow and ACE signals are not filtered except for Anti-aliasing filtering.
R12.3.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The applicable entity did not install common metering

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				equipment where Dynamic Schedules or Pseudo-Ties are implemented.
R13.	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority performed the hourly error checks using Tie Line megawatt-hour meters with common time synchronization to determine the accuracy of its control equipment but the Balancing Authority failed to adjust the component (e.g., Tie Line meter) of ACE that is in error (if known) or use the interchange meter error (I_{ME}) term of the ACE equation to compensate for any equipment error until repairs can be made.	The Balancing Authority failed to perform hourly error checks using Tie Line megawatt-hour meters with common time synchronization to determine the accuracy of its control equipment and the Balancing Authority failed to adjust the component (e.g., Tie Line meter) of ACE that is in error (if known) or use the interchange meter error (I_{ME}) term of the ACE equation to compensate for any equipment error until repairs can be made.
R14.	N/A	The responsible entity did not provide its operating personnel with one of the following: real-time values for ACE, Interconnection frequency or Net Actual Interchange.	The responsible entity did not provide its operating personnel with real-time values for two of the following: ACE, Interconnection frequency or Net Actual Interchange.	The responsible entity did not provide its operating personnel with real-time values for ACE, Interconnection frequency and Net Actual Interchange.
R15.	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to periodically test backup power supplies at the Balancing Authority's control	The Balancing Authority failed to provide adequate and reliable backup power supplies to ensure continuous operation

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R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
			center and other critical locations to ensure continuous operation of AGC and vital data recording equipment during loss of the normal power supply.	of AGC and vital data recording equipment during loss of the normal power supply.
R16.	The Balancing Authority failed to collect coincident data to the greatest practical extent.	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to flag missing or bad data for operator display and archival purposes.	The Balancing Authority failed to sample data at least at the same periodicity with which ACE is calculated.
R17.	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Balancing Authority failed to at least annually check and calibrate its time error and frequency devices against a common reference.

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Standard Number BAL-006-1 Inadvertent Interchange				
R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1.	The Balancing Authority failed to calculate and record hourly Inadvertent Interchange for 5% or less of the hours.	The Balancing Authority failed to calculate and record hourly Inadvertent Interchange for more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of the hours.	The Balancing Authority failed to calculate and record hourly Inadvertent Interchange for more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of the hours.	The Balancing Authority failed to calculate and record hourly Inadvertent Interchange for greater than 15% of the hours.
R2.	The Balancing Authority failed to include 5% or less than all AC tie lines in its Inadvertent Interchange account. OR The Balancing Authority failed to take into account interchange served by jointly owned generators.	The Balancing Authority failed to include more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of all AC tie lines in its Inadvertent Interchange account.	The Balancing Authority failed to include more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of all AC tie lines in its Inadvertent Interchange account.	The Balancing Authority failed to include more than 15% of all AC tie lines in its Inadvertent Interchange account.
R3.	The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that 5% or less of its Balancing Authority Area interconnection points are equipped with common megawatt-hour meters, with readings provided hourly to the control centers of Adjacent Balancing Authorities.	The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that more than 5% up to (and including) 10% of its Balancing Authority Area interconnection points are equipped with common megawatt-hour meters, with readings provided hourly to the control centers of Adjacent Balancing Authorities.	The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that more than 10% up to (and including) 15% of its Balancing Authority Area interconnection points are equipped with common megawatt-hour meters, with readings provided hourly to the control centers of Adjacent Balancing Authorities.	The Balancing Authority failed to ensure that more than 15% of its Balancing Authority Area interconnection points are equipped with common megawatt-hour meters, with readings provided hourly to the control centers of Adjacent Balancing Authorities.
R4.	The Balancing Authority operated to a common Net Interchange Schedule and Actual Net Interchange value and recorded these hourly	The Balancing Authority operated to a common Net Interchange Schedule and Actual Net Interchange value	The Balancing Authority operated to a common Net Interchange Schedule and Actual Net Interchange value but failed to compute	The Balancing Authority failed to operate to a common Net Interchange Schedule that is equal but opposite to its Adjacent Balancing

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Standard Number BAL-006-1 Inadvertent Interchange				
R#	Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
	quantities, with like values but opposite sign but by the end of the next business day, failed to agree with its Adjacent Balancing Authorities on the values stipulated in R4.1.1 or R4.1.2.	and recorded these hourly quantities, with like values but opposite sign but by the end of the next business day, failed to agree with its Adjacent Balancing Authorities on both values stipulated in R4.1.1 and R4.1.2. OR The Balancing Authority operated to a common Net Interchange Schedule and Actual Net Interchange value and recorded these hourly quantities, with like values but opposite sign but failed to meet either conditions stipulated in R4.2 and R4.3.	Inadvertent Interchange.	Authorities.
R5.	N/A	Adjacent Balancing Authorities that could not mutually agree upon their respective Net Actual Interchange or Net Scheduled Interchange quantities, by the 15th calendar day of the following month, submitted a report to their respective Regional Reliability Organizations Survey Contact describing the nature and the	N/A	Adjacent Balancing Authorities that could not mutually agree upon their respective Net Actual Interchange or Net Scheduled Interchange quantities by the 15th calendar day of the following month, failed to submit a report to their respective Regional Reliability Organizations Survey Contact describing the nature and the

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		cause of the dispute but failed to provide a process for correcting the discrepancy.		cause of the dispute as well as a process for correcting the discrepancy.