

# Standards Announcement

Comment Period Open for BAL-004-WECC-02  
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## Proposed Standard for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)

WECC has requested NERC to post regional reliability standard BAL-004-WECC-02 Automatic Time Error Correction for a 45-day industry review as permitted by the NERC Rules of Procedure.

## Instructions

Please use this [electronic form](#) to submit comments. If you experience any difficulties in using the electronic form, please contact Monica Benson at [monica.benson@nerc.net](mailto:monica.benson@nerc.net). An off-line, unofficial copy of the comment form is posted on the [regional standards development page](#).

## Background

BAL-004-WECC-02 retains the requirement for Balancing Authorities to compute the Automatic Time Error Correction and Primary Inadvertent Interchange by 50 minutes after the hour and requires that Balancing Authorities have the ability to operate their Automatic Generation Control in other modes. In addition, Balancing Authorities are required to recalculate Primary Inadvertent Interchange when hourly and month-end adjustments are made.

In Version 3 in order to prevent the stranding of Secondary Inadvertent Interchange the drafting team added a Requirement R8 that restricts the payback of Inadvertent Interchange to using ATEC rather than through bilateral and unilateral payback methods.

The proposed BAL-004-WECC-02 will replace the Automatic Time Error Correction definition in the NERC Glossary of Terms in the WECC Regional Definitions section. The WECC definitions for Primary Inadvertent Interchange and Secondary Inadvertent Interchange will be retained under the WECC Regional Definitions in the Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards. A new definition "Automatic Timer Error Correction – ATEC" is included in this standard.

## Regional Reliability Standards Development Process

Section 300 of the [Rules of Procedure for the Electric Reliability Organization](#) governs the regional reliability standards development process. The success of the NERC standards development process depends on stakeholder participation. We extend our thanks to all those who participate.

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