

# Regional Reliability Standards Announcement

Comment Period Open for BAL-001-0.1a (WECC Variance)

January 23 – March 9, 2012 (For clarification purposes in red.)

**Regional Project:** [Now available](#)

## Proposed Standard for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)

WECC has requested NERC to post **WECC's proposed regional variance to NERC** standard BAL-001-0.1a Real Power Balancing Control Performance (WECC Variance) 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

The purpose of this proposed WECC Regional Variance to BAL-001-01.a (WECC Variance) is to replace Requirements R1 and Section D. Compliance, Subsection 2 of BAL-001-0.1a with three new requirements. In Requirement E.B.1 of the WECC Variance, the drafting team proposes to replace the NERC ACE equation with an ACE equation that includes the ATEC term. Replacing the NERC raw ACE equation with the ATEC ACE equation through a Regional Variance will require Balancing Authorities in the Western Interconnection to use the ATEC ACE for control and CPS reporting purposes. Using the ATEC ACE equation for CPS reporting is more appropriate because, as discussed further below, it is a more accurate measure of how well a Balancing Authority is controlling to its control performance target.

The drafting team for Project WECC-0068 also requests withdrawal of the BAL-001-0.1a Appendix 2 Interpretation of Requirement R1 and the BAL-003-0.1b Appendix 1 Interpretation of Requirement R3. By creating a Regional Variance that replaces Requirement R1, these interpretations are no longer needed. The drafting team revised the definition for Area Control Error (ACE) in the WECC Regional Definitions to closely align with NERC definition for ACE while at the same recognizing concept of ATEC.

## 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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