**Unofficial Comment Form**Regional Reliability Standard – Retirement

BAL-002-WECC-3

**DO NOT** use this form for submitting comments. Use the [electronic form](https://sbs.nerc.net/) to submit comments on the proposed retirement of Regional Reliability Standard **BAL-002-WECC-3 – Contingency Reserve**.The electric form must be submitted by **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, October 30, 2025.**

If you have questions, contact Reliability Standards Analyst, Wendy Muller (via email) or at (404) 823-1366.

**Background Information**

WECC recommends the retirement of Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 in its entirety. For more information, please see the documents posted on the [NERC Regional Standards Under Development](https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/RegionalReliabilityStandardsUnderDevelopment.aspx) page. Additional materials can be found on the [WECC Standards](https://www.wecc.org/program-areas/standards) page.

**NERC Criteria for Developing or Modifying a Regional Reliability Standard**

Each regional difference (i.e., Regional Reliability Standard or Variance) shall be: (1) is more stringent than the continent-wide Reliability Standard, including a regional difference that addresses matters that the continent-wide Reliability Standard does not; or (2) necessitated by a physical difference in the bulk power system. Regional Reliability Standards and Variances shall provide for as much uniformity as possible with Reliability Standards across the interconnected bulk power system of the North American continent. Regional Reliability Standards and Variances, when approved by FERC and applicable authorities in Mexico and Canada, shall be made part of the body of NERC Reliability Standards and shall be enforced upon all applicable Bulk Power System owners, operators, and users within the applicable area, regardless of membership in the region.

The approval process for a proposed Regional Reliability Standard or Variance, or the retirement of an existing standard or Variance, requires NERC to publicly notice and request comment. Comments shall be permitted only on the following criteria (technical aspects of the standard are vetted through the Regional Standards Development Process):

**Unfair or Closed Process –** The Regional Reliability Standard was not developed in a fair and open process that provided an opportunity for all interested parties to participate. Although a NERC-approved Regional Reliability Standards development procedure shall be presumed to be fair and open, objections could be raised regarding the implementation of the procedure.

**Adverse Reliability or Commercial Impact on Other Interconnections –** The Regional Reliability Standard would have a significant adverse impact on reliability or commerce in other interconnections.

**Deficient Standard –** The Regional Reliability Standard fails to provide a level of reliability of the Bulk Power System such that the Regional Reliability Standard would be likely to cause a serious and substantial threat to public health, safety, welfare, or national security.

**Adverse Impact on Competitive Markets within the Interconnection –** The Regional Reliability Standard would create a serious and substantial burden on competitive markets within the interconnection that is not necessary for reliability.

**Questions**

1. Do you agree that the Regional Reliability Standards Development Procedure for retiring Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 was fair and open?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Does the retirement of Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 pose an adverse impact to reliability or commerce in a neighboring region or interconnection?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Does the retirement of Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 pose a serious and substantial threat to public health, safety, welfare, or national security?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Does the retirement of Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 pose a serious and substantial burden on competitive markets within the interconnection that is not necessary for reliability?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments:

1. Do you agree that Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 is no longer needed to specify more stringent criteria than a continent-wide standard, address matters not included in a continent-wide standard, or address a physical difference in the bulk power system?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Comments: