

Regional Reliability Standards Announcement

Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Proposed Retirement of BAL-002-WECC-3

Comment Period Open through October 30, 2025

[Now Available](#)

WECC requested that NERC post the proposed retirement of **BAL-002-WECC-3 – Contingency Reserve** for industry review and comment in accordance with the NERC Rules of Procedure. A 45-day comment period is open through **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, October 30, 2025**.

Background

WECC recommends the retirement of Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 in its entirety for the reasons stated in the WECC-0142 BAL-002-WECC-3 Contingency Reserve Request to Retire white paper, available [here](#).

The retirement proposal was posted for comment by WECC November 15, 2024 - January 15, 2025 and the comments received can be viewed [here](#). The retirement was approved by the WECC Board of Directors on June 11, 2025.

For more information, see the documents posted on the [NERC Regional Standards Under Development](#) page. Additional materials can be found on the [WECC Standards](#) page.

Commenting

Use the [Standards Balloting and Commenting System \(SBS\)](#) to submit comments. Contact [Alexandria Myrick](#) regarding issues with the SBS. 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.

For more information or assistance, contact Reliability Standards Analyst, [Wendy Muller](#) (via email) or at (404) 823-1366.

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