

# Regional Reliability Standards Announcement

Comment Period Open for BAL-002-WECC-1  
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## **Proposed Standard for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)**

WECC has requested NERC to post regional reliability standard BAL-002-WECC-1 Contingency Reserves 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**

On March 26, 2007, NERC submitted WECC-BAL-STD-002-0 to FERC for approval. The purpose of standard was to convert the substance of WECC's Reliability Criteria Agreement, III.A.2. WECC Criterion into an enforceable standard.

On June 8, 2007, FERC approved WECC-BAL-STD-002-0 — subject to specific requested changes — finding the standard was more stringent than the corresponding NERC Reliability Standard BAL-002-0. Specifically, FERC found that WECC's requirement to restore Contingency Reserve within 60 minutes was more stringent than the 90-minute restoration period as set forth in NERC's BAL-002-0.

After making the FERC mandated changes, on March 25, 2009, NERC submitted BAL-002-WECC-1 (nomenclature change) to FERC for approval and requested retirement of WECC BAL-STD-002-0. On October 21, 2010, FERC remanded BAL-002-WECC-1 to NERC under FERC Final Order 740 with instruction for WECC to further development the standard. This standard is the result of the aforementioned proceedings.

## **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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