

## **Exhibit C – Regional Standard Development Procedure**

**Exhibit C shall set forth WECC’s standards development procedure, which NERC agrees meets the following common attributes:**

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 1**

Proposed regional reliability standards shall be subject to approval by NERC, as the electric reliability organization, and by FERC before becoming mandatory and enforceable under Section 215 of the FPA in the United States. In Canada and Mexico, regional standards must be approved by applicable governmental authorities before becoming mandatory in those respective jurisdictions. No regional reliability standard shall be effective within the WECC area unless filed by NERC with FERC, and any applicable authorities in Canada and Mexico, and approved by FERC and any applicable authorities in Canada and Mexico.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 2**

WECC regional reliability standards shall provide for as much uniformity as possible with reliability standards across the interconnected bulk power system of the North American continent. A WECC reliability standard shall be more stringent than a continent-wide reliability standard, including a regional difference that addresses matters that the continent-wide reliability standard does not, or shall be a regional difference necessitated by a physical difference in the bulk power system. A regional reliability standard that satisfies the statutory and regulatory criteria for approval of proposed North American reliability standards, and that is more stringent than a continent-wide reliability standard, would generally be acceptable.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 3**

WECC regional reliability standards, when approved by FERC and applicable authorities in Canada and Mexico, 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 WECC area, regardless of membership in the region.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 4**

**Requester** — The requester is the sponsor of the regional reliability standard request and may assist in the development of the standard. Any member of WECC, or group within WECC, shall be allowed to request that a regional reliability standard be developed, modified, or withdrawn. Additionally, any entity (person, organization, company, government agency, individual, etc.) that is directly and materially affected by the

reliability of the bulk power system in the WECC area shall be allowed to request a regional reliability standard be developed, modified, or withdrawn.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 5**

**WECC Standards Committee** — The WECC Standards Committee (WSC) manages the standards development process. The WSC will consider which requests for new or revised standards shall be assigned for development (or existing standards considered for deletion). The WSC will advise the WECC board on standards presented for adoption.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 6**

**Ballot body** — The ballot body consists of WECC members and non-members that have been determined eligible for the WECC Standards Voting Sectors. Each member of the ballot body is eligible to vote on Regional Reliability Standards and Regional Criteria, except that Participating Stakeholders may only vote on Regional Criteria that could result in a sanction to a non-WECC member. The WSC is responsible for overseeing the voting process for each document balloted.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 7**

WECC will coordinate with NERC such that the acknowledgement of receipt of a standard request identified in step 1, notice of comment posting period identified in step 5, and notice for vote identified in step 9 can be concurrently posted on both the WECC and NERC websites.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 8**

An acceptable standard request shall contain a description of the proposed regional reliability standard subject matter containing sufficiently descriptive detail to clearly define the purpose, scope, impacted parties, and other relevant information of the proposed standard.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 9**

Within 60 days of receipt of a completed standard request, the WSC shall determine the disposition of the standard request.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 10**

The WSC may take one of the following actions:

- Accept the standard request as a candidate for development of a new standard, revision of an existing standard, or deletion of an existing standard. The WSC may, at its discretion, expand or narrow the scope of the standard request under consideration.
- Reject the standard request. If the WSC rejects a standard request, a written explanation for rejection will be delivered to the requester within 30 days of the decision.
- Remand the standard request back to the requester for additional work. The standards process manager will make reasonable efforts to assist the requester in addressing the deficiencies identified by the WSC. The requester may then resubmit the modified standard request using the process above. The requester may choose to withdraw the standard request from further consideration prior to acceptance by the WSC.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 11**

Any standard request that is accepted by the WSC for development of a standard (or modification or deletion of an existing standard) shall be posted for public viewing on the WECC website within 30 days of acceptance by the committee.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 12**

The WSC will select members of the drafting team.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 13**

At the direction of the WSC, the standards process manager shall facilitate the posting of the draft standard on the WECC website, along with a draft implementation plan and supporting documents, for a no less than a 45-day comment period. The standards process manager shall provide notice to WECC stakeholders and other potentially interested entities, both within and outside of the WECC area, of the posting using communication procedures then currently in effect or by other means as deemed appropriate.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 14**

The drafting team shall prepare a summary of the comments received and the changes made to the proposed standard as a result of these comments. The drafting team shall summarize comments that were rejected by the drafting team and the reason(s) that these comments were rejected, in part or whole. The summary, along with a response to each comment received will be posted on the WECC website no later than the next posting of the proposed standard.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 15**

Upon recommendation of the WSC, the standards process manager shall post the proposed standard and implementation plan for ballot and shall announce the vote to approve the standard, including when the vote will be conducted and the method for voting. Once the notice for a vote has been issued, no substantive modifications may be made to the proposed standard unless the revisions are posted and a new notice of the vote is issued.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 16**

The standards process manager shall schedule a vote by the ballot pool. The vote shall commence no sooner than 15 days following the issuance of the notice for the vote.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 17**

The WECC ballot pool shall consist of Ballot Body entities that have opted to vote on a specific standard. The ballot pool shall be able to vote on the proposed standard during a period of not less than 15 days.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 18**

. Each standard action requires formation of a ballot pool of interested members of the registered ballot body.

#### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 19**

A weighted majority vote of the Ballot Pool is required for a draft standard to be approved by the WECC membership and Participating Stakeholders. Abstentions and negative votes cast without an explanation shall not count toward the results but will be counted in determining whether a quorum of the Ballot Pool is achieved.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 20**

The WECC Board may only substantively modify the proposed regional reliability standard in accordance with its backstop authority as authorized by the WECC Bylaws.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 21**

Once a regional reliability standard is approved by the board, the standard will be submitted to NERC for approval and filing with FERC and applicable authorities in Canada and Mexico.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 22**

- **Open** - Participation in the development of a regional reliability standard shall be open to all organizations that are directly and materially affected by the WECC bulk power system reliability. There shall be no undue financial barriers to participation. Participation shall not be conditioned upon membership in WECC, and shall not be unreasonably restricted on the basis of technical qualifications or other such requirements. Meetings of drafting teams shall be open to the WECC members and others.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 23**

- **Balanced** - The WECC standards development process strives to have an appropriate balance of interests and shall not be dominated by any two interest categories and no single interest category shall be able to defeat a matter.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 24**

- **Inclusive** — Any entity (person, organization, company, government agency, individual, etc.) with a direct and material interest in the bulk power system in the WECC area shall have a right to participate by: a) expressing a position and its basis, b) having that position considered, and c) having the right to appeal.

### **COMMON ATTRIBUTE 25**

- **Fair due process** — The regional reliability standards development procedure shall provide for reasonable notice and opportunity for public comment. At a minimum, the procedure shall include public notice of the intent to develop a

standard, a public comment period on the proposed standard, due consideration of those public comments, and a ballot of Participating Stakeholders.

**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 26**

- **Transparent** — All actions material to the development of regional reliability standards shall be transparent. All standards development meetings shall be open and publicly noticed on the regional entity’s Web site.

**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 27**

- Does not unnecessarily delay development of the proposed reliability standard.

**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 28**

Each standard shall enable or support one or more of the reliability principles, thereby ensuring that each standard serves a purpose in support of the reliability of the regional bulk power system. Each standard shall also be consistent with all of the reliability principles, thereby ensuring that no standard undermines reliability through an unintended consequence.

**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 29**

While reliability standards are intended to promote reliability, they must at the same time accommodate competitive electricity markets. Reliability is a necessity for electricity markets, and robust electricity markets can support reliability. Recognizing that bulk power system reliability and electricity markets are inseparable and mutually interdependent, all regional reliability standards shall be consistent with NERC’s market interface principles. Consideration of the market interface principles is intended to ensure that standards are written such that they achieve their reliability objective without causing undue restrictions or adverse impacts on competitive electricity markets.

**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 30**

To ensure uniformity of regional reliability standards, a regional reliability standard shall consist of the elements identified in this section of the procedure. These elements are intended to apply a systematic discipline in the development and revision of standards. This discipline is necessary to achieving standards that are measurable, enforceable, and consistent.

**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 31**

All mandatory requirements of a regional reliability standard shall be within the standard. Supporting documents to aid in the implementation of a standard may be referenced by the standard but are not part of the standard itself.

**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 32**

<b>Applicability</b>	Clear identification of the functional classes of entities responsible for complying with the standard, noting any specific additions or exceptions.  If not applicable to the entire WECC area, then a clear identification of the portion of the bulk power system to which the standard applies. Any limitation on the applicability of the standard based on electric facility requirements should be described.
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**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 33**

<b>Measure(s)</b>	Each requirement shall be addressed by one or more measures. Measures are used to assess performance and outcomes for the purpose of determining compliance with the requirements stated above. Each measure will identify to whom the measure applies and the expected level of performance or outcomes required demonstrating compliance. Each measure shall be tangible, practical, and as objective as is practical. It is important to realize that measures are proxies to assess required performance or outcomes. Achieving the measure should be a necessary and sufficient indicator that the requirement was met. Each measure shall clearly refer to the requirement(s) to which it applies.
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**COMMON ATTRIBUTE 34**

<b>Compliance Monitoring Process</b>	Defines for each measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The specific data or information that is required to measure performance or outcomes.</li><li>• The entity that is responsible for providing the data or information for measuring performance or</li></ul>
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	<p>outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The process that will be used to evaluate data or information for the purpose of assessing performance or outcomes.</li><li>• The entity that is responsible for evaluating data or information to assess performance or outcomes.</li><li>• The time period in which performance or outcomes is measured, evaluated, and then reset.</li><li>• Measurement data retention requirements and assignment of responsibility for data archiving.</li><li>• Violation severity levels.</li></ul>
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