

- **Standard Development Timeline**

This section is maintained by the drafting team during the development of the standard and will be removed when the standard becomes effective.

- **Description of Current Draft**

FERC Orders 888 and 890, as well as Orders 713-A and 713-B and RM10-9-000, discuss the relationship between curtailment actions placed upon transmission schedules and transmission service priority. To bring the WECC Unscheduled Flow Reduction Guideline (UFRG) into compliance with these orders, on January 25, 2012, the WECC Unscheduled Flow Administrative Subcommittee approved changes to the UFRG. These changes, subsequently approved by the WECC Operating Committee (March 9, 2012) and the WECC Board of Directors (March 15, 2012), eliminate from the requirements any specific reference to the UFRG.

As a result of these approvals, conforming changes to this standard, IRO-006-WECC-1, *Qualified Transfer Path Unscheduled Flow Relief*, are required.

Proposed Changes

The draft standard proposes the following changes:

- Alignment of IRO-006-WECC-2 with the changes made to the WECC UFRG.
- Requirements have been redrafted to conform to current standard drafting conventions, to include, but not limited to, removing adverbs from Requirements and removing incorporation by reference wherever possible.
- The associated VSLs were modified to eliminate ambiguity.
- The Compliance section has been updated to reflect NERC “boilerplate” language.
- Finally, to further avoid incorporation by reference and clarify the requirements, the team proposes modifying the term “Relief Requirement” as currently approved in the WECC section of the NERC Glossary, and using the modified term in R1 and R2.

Implementation Plan

In light of the Proposed Changes listed above, it is the drafting team’s view that the Proposed Changes are largely clarifying in nature and will not require changes to current practices in order to implement the document.

Project Roadmap

This section is maintained by the drafting team and is subject to change.

Anticipated Actions	Anticipated Date
Standards Authorization Request (SAR)	April 30, 2012
WECC Standards Committee (WSC) approves SAR	May 1, 2012
WSC assigns drafting team	May 1, 2012
WECC concludes SAR changes are errata	May 8, 2012
WSC concurs SAR changes are errata	May 21, 2012
WECC Board of Directors approves changes as errata	June 25, 2012
NERC Legal informed WECC changes are not errata; mandates development via Reliability Standards Development Procedures (Procedures).	July 16, 2012
Two week notice for first drafting team meeting	July 23, 2012
Drafting Team meets / forwards Version 2 to WSC	August 7, 2012
WSC meets to approve posting	August 8, 2012
WECC Posting for 45-day comment – opened	August 9, 2012
WECC Posting for 45-day comment – closed	September 24, 2012
Meet to answer WECC Comments / no changes made	September 26, 2012
WSC approves for ballot	September 27, 2012
Sent to NERC for 45-day Posting	September 28, 2012
BELOW IS TENTATIVE / TARGETS ONLY	
NERC opens 45 day comment period	October 3, 2012
Ballot Pool Opens	October 23, 2012
Notice of Joint Session	October 31, 2012
Joint Session (Target: 1000 – 1200 Mountain)	November 20, 2012
Ballot Pool closes	November 22, 2012
NERC closes 45 day comment period	November 19, 2012
Ballot opens (at least 7 days after Joint Session)	November 27, 2012

Ballot closes (15 business days –cover Thanksgiving)	December 18, 2012
WSC meets for disposition	December 19, 2012
Packet to the Board	December 20, 2012
Board notice (10 days)	January 11, 2012
Special Board Meeting (requires the final docs be w/the Board for 30-days)	January 21, 2012

Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
1	April 16, 2008	Permanent Replacement Standard for IRO-STD-006-0	
1	February 10, 2009	Adopted by NERC Board of Trustees	
1	March 17, 2011	FERC Order 746 issued by FERC approving IRO-006-WECC-1 (FERC approval effective on May 24, 2011)	
1	July 1, 2011	Effective Date	No change
1.1	June 25, 2012	WECC Board of Directors approves as errata. Was not approved by NERC; forwarded through the full Reliability Standards Development Procedures.	
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Definitions of Terms Used in the Standard

The current definition of Relief Requirement as contained in the NERC Glossary is as follows:

Relief Requirement
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The expected amount of the unscheduled flow reduction on the Qualified Transfer Path that would result by curtailing each Sink Balancing Authority's Contributing Schedules by the percentages listed in the columns of WECC Unscheduled Flow Mitigation Summary of Actions Table in Attachment 1 WECC IRO-006-WECC-1.

The drafting team is proposing the following change to the above definition to eliminate incorporation by reference to an extrinsic document:

Relief Requirement

The expected amount of the unscheduled flow reduction on the Qualified Transfer Path that would result by curtailing each Sink Balancing Authority's Contributing Schedules by the percentages determined in the WECC unscheduled flow mitigation guideline.

A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Qualified Transfer Path Unscheduled Flow (USF) Relief
2. **Number:** IRO-006-WECC-2
3. **Purpose:** Mitigation of transmission overloads due to unscheduled flow on Qualified Transfer Paths.
4. **Applicability**
 - 4.1. Balancing Authority
 - 4.2. Reliability Coordinator
5. **Effective Date:** On the latter of the first day of the first quarter at least 45 days after Regulatory approval, or upon complete implementation of applicable webSAS changes and FERC approval of this standard and the revised Unscheduled Flow Mitigation Plan Documents.

B. Requirements

- R1. Each Reliability Coordinator shall approve or deny a request within five minutes of receiving the request for unscheduled flow transmission relief from the Transmission Operator of a Qualified Transfer Path that will result in the calculation of a Relief Requirement. *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium] [Time Horizon: Real-time Operations]*
- R2. Each Balancing Authority shall perform any combination of the following actions meeting the Relief Requirement upon receiving a request for relief as described in Requirement R1: *[Violation Risk Factor: Medium] [Time Horizon: Real-time Operations]*
 - Approve curtailment requests to the schedules as submitted
 - Implement alternative actions

C. Measures

- M1. The Reliability Coordinator shall have evidence that it approved or denied the request within five minutes of receiving a request for relief, in accordance with Requirement R1. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, documentation of either an active or passive approval.
- M2. Each Balancing Authority shall have evidence that it provided the Relief Requirement through Contributing Schedules curtailments, alternative actions, or a combination that collectively meets the Relief Requirement as directed in Requirement R.2.

D. Compliance

1. Compliance Monitoring Process:

1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority

- Regional Entity
- If the Responsible Entity works for the Regional Entity, then the Regional Entity will establish an agreement with the ERO or another entity approved by the ERO and FERC (i.e., another Regional Entity) to be responsible for compliance enforcement.
- If the Responsible Entity is also a Regional Entity, the ERO or a Regional Entity approved by the ERO and FERC or other applicable governmental authorities shall serve as the Compliance Enforcement Authority.

1.2. Evidence Retention:

The following evidence retention periods identify the period of time an entity is required to retain specific evidence to demonstrate compliance. For instances where the evidence retention period specified below is shorter than the time since the last audit, the Compliance Enforcement Authority may ask an entity to provide other evidence to show that it was compliant for the full time period since the last audit.

- Each Balancing Authority and Reliability Coordinator shall keep data or evidence to show compliance as identified below unless directed by its Compliance Enforcement Authority to retain specific evidence for a longer period of time as part of an investigation.
- The Balancing Authority and Reliability Coordinator shall retain data or evidence for three calendar years or for the duration of any Compliance Enforcement Authority investigation; whichever is longer.
- If a Balancing Authority or Reliability Coordinator is found non-compliant, it shall keep information related to the non-compliance until found compliant or for the duration specified above, whichever is longer.

The Compliance Enforcement Authority shall keep the last audit records and all requested and submitted subsequent audit records.

1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Assessment Processes:

- Compliance Audit
- Self-Certification
- Spot Checking
- Compliance Investigation
- Self-Reporting
- Complaint

1.4. Additional Compliance Information:

Compliance shall be determined by a single event, per path, per calendar month (at a minimum) provided at least one event occurs in that month.

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	Time Horizon	VRF	Violation Severity Levels			
			Lower VSL	Moderate VSL	High VSL	Severe VSL
R1	Real Time Operations	Medium	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	There shall be a Severe level of non-compliance if there is one instance during a calendar month in which the Reliability Coordinator approved (actively or passively) or denied a request for unscheduled flow transmission relief from the Transmission Operator of a Qualified Transfer Path, greater than five minutes after receipt of notification from the Transmission Operator of a Qualified Transfer Path.
R2	Real Time Operations	Medium	There shall be a Lower Level of non-compliance if there is less than 100% Relief Requirement provided but greater than or equal to 90% Relief Requirement provided or the Relief Requirement was less	There shall be a Moderate Level of non-compliance if there is less than 90% Relief Requirement provided but greater than or equal to 75% Relief Requirement provided.	There shall be a High Level of non-compliance if there is less than 75% Relief Requirement provided but greater than or equal to 60% Relief Requirement provided.	There shall be a Severe Level of non-compliance if there is less than 60% Relief Requirement provided.

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	Time Horizon	VRF	Violation Severity Levels			
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			than 5 MW and was not fully provided.			