

WECC-0140
Reliability Standards
Development Procedures
Explanation of Changes
For Posting 1

Posting 1—Proposed Changes

The following changes are proposed in Posting 1 of the WECC-0140 Reliability Standards Development Procedures (RSDP) review. Styles and pagination are subject to technical editing.

- Introduction
 - o Footnote 1 is added to adopt a definition for Regional Entity.
- Definitions
 - o A definition for Affirmative Fraction Majority is proposed.
 - The definition for Regional Reliability Standard is modified to include Regional Variances.
- WECC Standards Committee
 - o Verbiage was updated to match the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) Charter.
- Step 2 Complete SAR and Present to the WSC
 - o "the SAR" was added for clarity, paragraph 2.
 - Because a SAR can be refiled without prejudice, there is no need to preserve appellate rights up to the WECC Board of Directors. Therefore, the last sentence of the section was deleted.
- Step 3 Convene a Drafting Team
 - Substance of WSC guideline was adopted.
- Step 4 Begin Drafting Phase and Submit Draft to WSC
 - Syntax was changed for clarity.
 - A change was added allowing flexibility in WECC CRT structure. This is done to differentiate the structure from that of a standard, particularly as NERC moves to extract guidance narrative from the body of its standards.
- Step 5 Post for Comment
 - Syntax was changed for clarity.
- Step 6 Respond to Comments
 - o At "Treatment of Substantive Changes," syntax was changed for clarity.
 - "Vote" was changed to "poll."
 - At "Treatment of Non-substantive Changes," staff is empowered to make nonsubstantive changes without convening a WSC meeting.

- At "WECC Regional Criteria," staff is empowered to make non-substantive changes without convening a WSC meeting.
- Step 7 Submit Proposed Draft to the WSC with a Request for Ballot
 - o No change.
- Step 8 Convene a Standards Briefing
 - o The notice period was shortened to seven days. Historically, Standards Briefings are low-profile with no controversy. Expedites administration.
- Step 9 Form the Ballot Pool and Ballot the Standard
 - Additional decision-making authority is provided to Director of Standards (DOS) and the WSC. The WSC is proficient to read a description and make the call without convening a Board meeting.
 - Clarification is added.
 - The notice period is shortened to 45 days as opposed to 60 to expedite administration.
 - o The phrase "good cause" is deleted because it is ambiguous.
 - o A new section "Treatment of Abstentions and Explanatory Narrative during Ballot" was added to incorporate the WSC guideline.
 - o A large portion of this section was redrafted for clarity.
- Step 10 Initiate the Appeals Process—If Needed
 - WSC is permitted to approve forwarding a project immediately before providing it to the Board for approval.
- Step 11 Obtain Board Approval
 - Remand is directed to the WSC as opposed to the drafting team. The WSC can then decide the next steps.
- Step 12 Submit for NERC and FERC Approval and Implementation
 - This section can be deleted as superfluous to the WECC Delegation Agreement. It can be replaced by a simple sentence to that affect. If adopted, "Steps" will have to be renumbered.
- Step 13 Retire a CRT
 - Since the WSC is a procedural oversight body and not SMEs on reliability, review by a DT is preferred.
 - The 14-day notice requirement can be eliminated if the above language is adopted.
 Notice will be provided via the DT announcements.
- Step 14 Submit a Request for Interpretation
 - Capitalization of Request for Interpretation
 - Syntax changes were made for clarity.
- Supporting Processes
 - o No change.
- Maintenance of RRSs and CRTs
 - Language was added for clarification.
 - o The "how to" clause was removed.

