



Implementation Plan

Overview of Procedure

This is a WECC Regional Reliability Standard (RRS).

On November 23, 2021, WECC received WECC-0147 Standard Authorization Request (SAR) with a specific request to address a defect in BAL-004-WECC-3, Requirement R1, addressing the “previous calendar year” for generating units that had not been in operation for a full calendar year.

On December 7, 2021, the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) approved the SAR, approving/assigning the drafting team on March 22, 2022.

Between August 22, 2022, and July 21, 2023, the project was posted four times for comment. The drafting team considered and addressed each comment before the project was balloted, closing on September 29, 2023, with a 100% affirmative ballot. The WECC Board of Directors (Board) approved the project on March 13, 2024.

Overview of Changes

WECC-0147 BAL-004-WECC-4, Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC): 1) expands the existing Background section, 2) creates a Standard-specific definition (Interchange Software), 3) creates a requirement to use the Interchange Software, 4) addresses treatment of Balancing Authorities that do not have a full year of operating data, 5) consolidates and clarifies requirements, and 6) updates the document to NERC's newest templates.

Proposed Effective Date

The proposed effective date is the first day of the second quarter following regulatory approval.

Justification

As proposed, many of the required tasks are already being performed in the same or similar manner as those currently approved. The new or modified tasks impose a minimal burden achievable in the time window between regulatory approval and the proposed Effective Date.

Impact on Other Documents

None.

This project: 1) adds a Standard-specific definition, applicable only to this RRS, and 2) clarifies that when used, the term “ATEC” is as defined in the WECC Regional Definitions section of the NERC Glossary of Terms Used in Reliability Standards (Glossary).