

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD25-6-000

April 23, 2025

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Attention: Lauren Perotti, Assistant General Counsel
Alain Rigaud, Associate Counsel
North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Chris Albrecht, Assistant General Counsel
Western Electricity Coordinating Council

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for
Approval of Proposed Regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-4

Dear Ms. Perotti and Mr. Albrecht:

On March 12, 2025, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) filed a joint petition seeking approval of proposed Regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-4 (Automatic Time Error Correction), the associated violation risk factors and violation severity levels, the associated implementation plan, and the retirement of currently-effective Regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-3.

NERC and WECC explain that “[t]he purpose of proposed Regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-4 is to maintain Western Interconnection . . . frequency and ensure that time error accumulation via Primary Inadvertent Interchange . . . payback is conducted in a manner that does not result in a negative impact on reliability.”¹ NERC and WECC state that the proposed standard “improves upon the existing standard. Specifically, NERC and WECC explain that proposed Regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-4: (1) expands the background section; (2) creates a Standard-specific

¹ NERC Petition at 2.

definition “Interchange Software” to refer to the software used by balancing authorities to submit Automatic Time Error Correction data to WECC; (3) creates a requirement to use the Interchange Software; (4) addresses how balancing authorities should comply if they do not have a full year of operating data; (5) consolidates and clarifies certain Requirements; and (6) updates the format to NERC’s newest template.²

NERC’s filing was noticed on March 13, 2025, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before April 11, 2025. No motions to intervene, comments, or protests were filed.

NERC’s uncontested filing is hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director of the Office of Electric Reliability under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303, effective as of the date of this order.

This action shall not be construed as approving any other application pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such action shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders that have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the Electric Reliability Organization or any Regional Entity.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Kal Ayoub, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

² *Id.*