



## Hot Off the Press

### WECC Reliability & Security Workshop—Register Today

March 25-26, 2025

Join us for the Reliability & Security Workshop in Tempe, Arizona, or virtually in Whova. Our workshops support Registered Entity compliance programs with robust, relevant content promoting the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection.

This workshop will focus on programmatic guidance for NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Programs (CMEP), outline WECC priorities, discuss industry best practices, and share valuable insights from the Western Interconnection. Participants will leave equipped to develop and enhance their NERC compliance program. View the [announcement](#) and [register](#) today!

## ERO Buzz

### NERC Releases 2024 Long-Term Reliability Assessment

NERC has released its 2024 [Long-Term Reliability Assessment](#)—an independent assessment and comprehensive report on the adequacy of planned bulk power system (BPS) resources to reliably meet the electricity demand across North America over the next 10 years. It identifies reliability trends, emerging issues, and potential risks that could impact the long-term reliability, resilience, and security of the BPS. The findings presented are important to understanding the reliability risks to the North American BPS as it is currently planned and being influenced by government policies, regulations, consumer preferences, and economic factors. To watch a short video that summarizes the purpose of the LTRA, click [here](#).

### 2024 RISC Emerging Risks Survey of Industry – Volume 1

NERC Reliability Issues Steering Committee (RISC) developed the [emerging risks survey](#) to detail the identified reliability risks that affect the bulk power system (BPS) and to recommend activities aimed at mitigating these risks.

The responses gathered from this survey will serve as foundational input for the development of the 2025 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report. For additional context, see the [2023 ERO Reliability Risk Priorities Report](#).

Complete the survey by January 16, 2025. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of BPS reliability risk management.

## ELECTRIFYING: TRIVIA ANSWER

2. 50,000. There are more than 50,000 multi-colored LED lights on approximately 5 miles (8 km) of wire on this year’s 74-foot-tall tree. The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree has been a holiday tradition for over eighty years.

## ELECTRIFYING TRIVIA



Approximately how many lights are on the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree?

- 1. 20,000
- 2. 50,000
- 3. 75,000
- 4. 100,000

## Time to Act

### Share Feedback—Reliability in the West Discussion Series

Please take this brief [survey](#) about topics, webinar formats, and any suggestions for future sessions. Your insights will help us tackle key issues in the Western Interconnection.

You can revisit our 2024 sessions on our YouTube channel [here](#).

### Comment Period: WECC-0142: Request to Retire BAL-002-WECC-3, Contingency Reserve

This project is focused on the proposed retirement of BAL-002-WECC-3. The drafting team has crafted a [white paper](#) that outlines the rationale for this retirement and wants to hear from you. Your feedback is crucial in assessing the level of support for this initiative before moving forward with a formal request to NERC. Please review the [comment questions](#) and submit your responses using WECC’s [standard comment form](#). The deadline for submitting is 6:00 p.m. Mountain on January 15, 2025. We value your insights.

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