## Welcome, Call to Order

Ian McKay, WECC Standards Committee (WSC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 2024. A quorum was established. A list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

## Review WECC Antitrust Policy

Steven Rueckert, WECC Director of Standards, read aloud the WECC Antitrust Policy statement. The meeting agenda included a link to the posted policy.

## Approve Agenda

Mr. McKay introduced the proposed meeting agenda.

**On a motion by Dana Cabbell, the WSC approved the agenda.**

## Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The WSC approved the December 5, 2023, meeting minutes. There were no Actions Without a Meeting (AWM) to approve.

**On a motion by Tim Kelley, the WSC approved the minutes.**

## Review of Previous Action Items

Mr. Rueckert and W. Shannon Black reviewed action items carried forward from previous meetings of the WSC.

Staff was to investigate submittal of a NERC Standard Authorization Request (SAR) to establish criteria identifying paths for inclusion on the WECC Major Paths in the Bulk Electric System (Table). Complete. See Reports below.

## WECC—0154 VAR-001-5 Voltage and Reactive Control

**Request for Information-Only Transmittal on Regional Variance**

On November 16, 2023, WECC received Standard Authorization Request (SAR) WECC-0154 to complete a five-year review of WECC’s Regional Variance to VAR-001-5, Voltage and Reactive Control.

The review was required per the WECC Reliability Standards Development Procedures (Procedures). No specific issues were identified.

The assigned drafting team held two duly noticed drafting team meetings, inviting public comment on whether changes were required. After reviewing the full scope of the text and inviting comment during two meetings, the team concluded that no Substantive changes should be made to the Regional Variance.

The Procedures are silent regarding a “No Substantive Change” recommendation for a Regional Variance. (Staff suggested the issue could be addressed when the Procedures were next reviewed. WECC Legal concurred.)

**On a motion from Dana Cabbell,** **the WSC approved the “No Substantive Change” recommendation provided by the WECC—0154 VAR-001-5, Voltage and Reactive Control—WECC Regional Variance Drafting Team, and instructed staff to draft an information-only filing for presentation to NERC.**

## WECC—0153 INT Consolidated Criterion

**Request for Ballot**

On February 28, 2024, the WECC**—**0153 INT Consolidated Criterion (ICC) Drafting Team (DT) agreed by majority vote to forward the [project](https://www.wecc.org/Reliability/WECC-0153%20INT%20CRT%20Consolidated%20Criterion%20-%20Posting%203%20-%20Clean.docx) to the WSC with a request for ballot.

This project consolidates all INT-related WECC Criteria into the WECC Consolidated Criteria, creating a single, five-year review. The team made various Substantive and Non-Substantive changes as listed in the preamble of the final posting and the section history tables.

**On a motion from Tim Kelley, the WSC approved the WECC—0153 INT Consolidated Criteria for ballot.**

## WSC Guidelines—Request to Retire

On March 6, 2018, the WSC approved a WECC Guideline titled [Responding](https://www.wecc.org/Administrative/WSC%20Guideline%20-%20Responses%20to%20Comments%20Received%20During%20Ballot%20-%20Final%203-6-2018%20-%20Newest%20Template%206-2019.pdf) to Comments Received During Ballot. On March 5, 2019, the WSC approved a WECC Guideline titled [Assignment](https://www.wecc.org/Administrative/WSC%20Guideline%20-%20Drafting%20Team%20Assignments%20-%20Clean%20from%20Tech%20Writer.pdf) of Drafting Teams. As of September 13, 2021, the content of both documents is incorporated into the [Procedures](https://www.wecc.org/Reliability/WECC%20Reliability%20Standards%20Development%20Procedures%20-%20FERC%20Approved%2009-13-2021.pdf), and can be retired.

**On a motion from Ron Sporseen, the WSC approved retirement of the aforementioned WECC Guidelines.**

## WECC—0142 BAL-002-WECC Contingency Reserve

**Request for Drafting Team Assignment**

On April 5, 2024, WECC received a request for assignment to the WECC—0142, Request to Retire BAL-002-WECC, Contingency Reserve Drafting Team. The candidate’s qualifications were provided to the WSC for review prior to the meeting.

**On a motion from Tim Kelley, the WSC assigned Kevin Conway of the Western Power Pool to serve on the WECC—0142, BAL-002-WECC Contingency Reserve, Request to Retire, Drafting Team.**

Crystal Musselman abstained.

## Reports

* WECC-0141/WECC-0149, FAC-501-WECC Transmission Maintenance (Standard) and Table Revision Process filed with NERC.
  + On March 5, 2024, staff filed the Standard and the Process at NERC/FERC. Because this project is novel, staff suggests waiting for NERC/FERC’s next move before pursuing a NERC SAR defining criteria for WECC’s Major Transmission Paths. Staff meets with NERC on April 17, 2024, for a pre-filing conference.
* WECC-0150, PRC-001-WECC-CRT-3 Governor Droop.
  + On March 13, 2024, the WECC Board of Directors (Board) approved the WECC Criterion with an effective date of July 1, 2024. The WECC Criterion clarified its application to Inverter Based Resources.
* WECC-0147, BAL-004-WECC-4 Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC) filed with NERC.
  + On March 13, 2024, the Board approved this project for NERC/FERC disposition. Per the NERC Rules of Procedures, NERC proposes to post the project for 45-day comment from April 10, 2024, to May 28, 2024, asking whether WECC followed its Procedures in the development of the project. The Standard: 1) expands the Background section, 2) creates a Standard-specific definition for Interchange Software (IS), 3) creates a requirement to use the IS, and 4) addresses Balancing Authorities that do not have a full year of operating data.

## Public Comment

Ian McKay opened the meeting for public comment. None were presented.

## Review of New Action Items

* Staff will draft and send an information-only filing to NERC regarding WECC-0154.
* Staff will ballot WECC-0153.
* Staff will contact Legal with a request to annotate retirement of the two WSC Guidelines from Item #8, and remove them from Legal’s website. Standards staff does not have access to the page.
* Add Kevin Conway to the WECC-0142.

## Upcoming Meetings

June TBD, 2024 Salt Lake City, UT

December 10, 2024 Salt Lake City, UT

## Adjourn

Mr. McKay declared the meeting adjourned without objection at 10:26 a.m. MT.

# Exhibit A: Attendance List[[1]](#footnote-1)

### Members in Attendance

Ron Sporseen, Bonneville Power Administration SVS 1 Transmission

Dana Cabbell, Southern California Edison SVS 3 LSE

Paul Rodriguez, Imperial Irrigation District SVS 4 TDU

Adrian Andreoiu, BC Hydro SVS 5 Generators

Tim Kelley, Sacramento Municipal Utility District SVS 6 Broker/Aggregator/Marketers

Leo Bernier, AES SVS 7 Large Electricity End Users

Crystal Musselman, Proven Compliance Solutions SVS 8 Small Electricity Users

Chris McLean, California Energy Commission SVS 9 Gov. Entities

Steven Rueckert, WECC SVS 10 Regional Entities

Ian McKay, Chair Non-Affiliated Director

### Members not in Attendance

Alan Wahlstrom, Southwest Power Pool. SVS 2 RTO/ISO

### Others in Attendance

Effective January 2021, minutes will only record the names of committee members.

1. Terms of Service for SVSs:

   Terms of Service for SVSs 1, 4, 7, 8, and 9 conclude at the close of the 2025 WECC Annual Meeting.

   Terms of Service for SVSs 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10 conclude at the close of the 2024 WECC Annual Meeting. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)