This Standard Authorization Request (SAR) was received on December 19, 2019, and deemed complete the same day. The SAR was approved by the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) on March 10, 2020.

This project is designated as WECC-0141, FAC-501-WECC-3, Transmission Maintenance. This project was augmented by WECC-0149, Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System—Path List Revision Process.[[1]](#footnote-1)

# Introduction

This project is a request to update FAC-501-WECC-2, Transmission Maintenance, Attachment B, Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System.

# Requester Information

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# Type of Request

*Specify the type of request: (select one)*

* Request to update FAC-501-WECC-2, Attachment B

# Create, Modify, or Retire a Document Questions

Provide information for your request to create, modify, or retire the document.

### Requested Action (select one)

* Request to update FAC-501-WECC-2, Attachment B

### Document Type (select one)

* WECC Regional Standard

### Issue

*Specify what industry problem this request is trying to resolve.*

The Purpose of FAC‐501‐WECC‐2 Transmission Maintenance (FAC-501), is:

To ensure the Transmission Owner of a transmission path identified in Attachment B, Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System, including associated facilities, has a Transmission Maintenance and Inspection Plan (TMIP); and performs and documents maintenance and inspection activities in accordance with the TMIP.

In FAC-501-WECC-1, the *document* titled “Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System” was incorporated by reference as part of Attachment A. Concerned that incorporation of an extrinsic document could dilute due process, the actual *content* of the document was incorporated in FAC-501-WECC-2, Attachment B.[[2]](#footnote-2) As a result, the static content of Attachment B must be updated each time the list of Major WECC Transfer Paths changes.

As of January 1, 2020, Paths 22, 50, and 51 listed in Attachment B will be deleted from the Major WECC Transfer Path listing, rendering FAC-501-WECC-2 out of date. [[3]](#footnote-3)

### Proposed Remedy

*Specify how this request will address the issue.*

This SAR requests that a drafting team be assigned to review and update the content of FAC-501-WECC-2, Attachment B. Additionally, the document: 1) should be reviewed to ensure proper coordination with existing NERC Standards, 2) should be reviewed for potential retirement, and 3) should be updated to NERC’s newest styles, formats, and drafting conventions.

### Applicable Entities

Each function will be reviewed if affected.

* “4.1 Transmission Owners that maintain the transmission paths in Attachment B.”

### Detailed Description

(Additional background)

On August 21, 2019, Arizona Public Service (AZPS) provided a public presentation to the Southwest Area Transmission (SWAT) Oversight group highlighting the delisting of the paths. No concerns were raised by stakeholders.

On September 3, 2019, AZPS notified the WECC Studies Subcommittee (StS) of its intent to delist the paths from Attachment B with an effective date of January 1, 2020.[[4]](#footnote-4)

On October 18, 2019, AZPS provided a presentation to the WECC Reliability Assessment Committee (RAC) summarizing the procedural background of delisting, comments received during the process, and the technical reasons why the delisting took place.

To ensure due process and stakeholder inclusion, AZPS also posted notification on the AZPS Open Access Same-time Information System (OATI) announcing the pending path delisting prior to the effective date.

### Affected Reliability Principles

Which of the following reliability principles is MOST affected by this request? (select one)

* **Reliability Principle 1**—*Interconnected bulk power systems shall be planned and operated in a coordinated manner to perform reliably under normal and abnormal conditions as defined in the NERC Standards.*

# Document Information

*Specify the document title, document number, and affected section regarding the request.*

See above.

# Reference Uploads

*Please reference or upload any affected standards, regional business practices, criteria, policies, white papers, technical reports, or other relevant documents. If this request is based on a conflict of law, please include a copy of—or accessible reference to—the specific law or regulatory mandate in conflict.*

Referenced presentations and applicable methodology used for the delisting are available upon request. *(Subsequent Entry: These presentations were later loaded to the WECC-0141 Home Page at the SAR accordion, and are made available as Attachment(s) T with the WECC-0149 filing.)*

### Provide additional comments (if needed).

NA

1. Original documents are located on the WECC-0141 (<https://www.wecc.org/Standards/Pages/WECC-0141.aspx>) and WECC-0149 (<https://www.wecc.org/Standards/pages/wecc-0149.aspx>) project pages. Where appropriate, language in this filing is standardized to ensure a clear connection between WECC-0141 and WECC-0149. Final documents for filing are located on the WECC-0149 project page at the NERC Filings accordion. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. On May 30, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a delegated letter order approving FAC‐501-WECC-2. See FERC Letter Order, Docket No. RD18‐5‐00, with an effective date of July 1, 2018. See also United States of America Before the FERC, Joint Petition of North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) for Approval of Proposed Regional Reliability Standard FAC-501-WECC-2, Page 3, March 16, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Listed in Attachment B: 1) Southwest Four Corners (Path 22), 2) Cholla Pinnacle Peak (Path 50), and 3) Southern

   Navajo Transmission System (Path 51). Also delisted but not included in Attachment B is Four Corners 345/500 (Path 23). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Paths 22, 23, 50 and 51. Path 23 is not currently listed in Attachment B. An additional public presentation was made on September 17, 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)