**Regional Reliability Standard Submittal Request**

**Attachment J**

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| **Region:** | **Western Electricity Coordinating Council** |
| **Regional Standard Number:** | **Updating FAC-501-WECC-2 to FAC-501-WECC-4.**  Version Control  This project goes from Version 2 to Version 4.   * FAC-501-WECC-2 was created per WECC Standard Authorization Request WECC-0120. Version 2 is the FERC as-approved version. * FAC-501-WECC-3 was created per WECC Standard Authorization Request WECC-0141. That project received a 100% affirmative ballot, plus WECC Board of Directors (Board) approval. Version 3 was immediately superceded by Version 4; thus, Version 3 was neither submitted to NERC nor FERC. Rather, additional changes were made to Version 3 at NERC’s suggestion. Those changes resulted in Version 4. * FAC-501-WECC-4 was created per WECC Standard Authorization Request WECC-0149. Version 4 supersedes Version 3. This project seeks approval of Version 4. |
| **Regional Standard Title:** | **Transmission Maintenance**  This project requests approval of FAC-501-WECC-4, Transmission Maintenance, plus the Table Revision Process. |
| **Date Submitted:** | March 5, 2024 |
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| **Regional Contact Title:** | **Director of Standards** |
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| **Request (check all that apply):**  Retirement of WECC Regional Reliability Standard  Interpret an Existing Standard  Approval of a New Process  Five-year Review with Updates.  Withdrawal of an existing standard  Urgent Action | |

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| **Has this action been approved by your Board of Directors?**  Yes  No  **(If no, please indicate date standard action is expected along with the current status (e.g., third comment period with anticipated board approval on mm/dd/year)):**  **WECC-0141 Approval of FAC-501-WECC-3, Transmission Maintenance (five-year update of Version 2). The original version of the Table Revision Process was presented in the same package.**  Item 5. Resolved, that the WECC Board of Directors (Board), acting on the recommendation of the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) at the meeting of the Board on December 8, 2021, approves FAC-501-WECC-3, Transmission Maintenance Regional Reliability Standard as presented and attached. *WECC Board of Directors, Minutes Excerpt, December 8, 2021.*  **WECC-0149 Approval of FAC-501-WECC-4, Transmission Maintenance. The revised version of the Table Revision Process was presented in the same package.**  Item 5. Resolved, that the WECC Board of Directors (Board), acting on the recommendation of the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) at the meeting of the Board on June 14, 2023, approves FAC-501-WECC-4, Transmission Maintenance Regional Reliability Standard and the associated Table Revision Process as presented and attached. *WECC Board of Directors, Minutes Excerpt, June 14, 2023.* | |
| **[Note: The purpose of the remaining questions is to provide NERC with the information needed to file the regional standard(s) with FERC. The information provided may to a large degree be used verbatim. It is extremely important for the entity submitting this form to provide sufficient detail that clearly delineates the scope and justification of the request.]** | |
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| **Concise statement of the basis and purpose (scope) of request:** | This project is the culmination of two WECC Standard Authorization Requests (SAR), WECC-0141 and WECC-0149, fulfilling a mandatory five-year review of FAC-501-WECC-2, Transmission Maintenance, per the WECC Reliability Standards Development Procedures (Procedures).  WECC seeks approval of FAC-501-WECC-4, Transmission Maintenance, and a separate freestanding Table Revision Process (Process).[[1]](#footnote-1) Both documents were developed using the Procedures. Both documents received 100% affirmative approval from the associated WECC Ballot Pool. Both are proposed to become effective on the same date.  FAC-501-WECC-4, Transmission Maintenance, requires the applicable entities to create, update, and use a Transmission Maintenance Inspection Plan (TMIP) for paths included in the Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System (Table).  FAC-501-WECC-4: 1) clarifies the applicable Facilities, allowing for two new maintenance methods, 2) adds a Background section[[2]](#footnote-2), 3) deletes four paths from the Table, and 3) relocates the Table from the Standard to the newly proposed, freestanding Process.  If approved, the proposed Process: 1) creates the procedure whereby paths are added to or removed from the Table, and 2) establishes the definitive FERC-approved list of paths for the Table.  No changes are proposed to the Violation Risk Factors or the Violation Severity Levels. |
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| **Concise statement of the justification of the request:** | See above. |

1. A WECC/NERC review of the Version 3 Implementation Plan suggested that the Standard could be more quickly implemented if certain implementation aspects were shifted from NERC to WECC. As a result, Version 3 was not submitted to the NERC Board of Trustees but was superseded by proposed Version 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. WECC approves of NERC removing the Background if deemed appropriate. The project was balloted to include the Background section, with the caveat that NERC could remove the section is warranted. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)