

**Reliability Standard Audit Worksheet[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**PRC-004-WECC-2 — Protective Relay and Remedial Action Scheme Misoperation**

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# **Applicability of Requirements**

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| **R2** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X |  |  |
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**Findings Table:**

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| [**R1.**](#R1) |  |  | TO, GO |
| [**R****2.**](#R2_Summary) |  |  | TO, TOP, GO |
| [**R3.**](#R3) |  |  | TO, GO |

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# **Subject Matter Experts**

Identify subject matter expert(s) responsible for this Reliability Standard. Insert additional lines if necessary.

**Registered Entity Response (Required):**

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# **R1 Supporting Evidence and Documentation**

The requirements below only apply to the major transmission paths facilities and RAS listed in the tables titled “Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System” and “Major WECC Remedial Action Schemes (RAS).”

**R1.** System Operators and System Protection personnel of the Transmission Owners and Generator Owners shall analyze all Protection System and RAS operations.

**R1.1.** System Operators shall review all tripping of transmission elements and RAS operations to identify apparent Misoperations within 24 hours.

**R1.2.** System Protection personnel shall analyze all operations of Protection Systems and RAS within 20 business days for correctness to characterize whether a Misoperation has occurred that may not have been identified by System Operators.

**Question**: Do you own or operate any elements of the transmission paths listed in the Tables “Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System” or “Major WECC Remedial Action Schemes (RAS).”?

If yes, please list all such transmission paths and/or Remedial Action Schemes.

If no, then state this and no further information is required.

**Registered Entity Response (Required):**

Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement.

Registered Entity Evidence (Required):

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to PRC-004-WECC-2 R1**

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Review the evidence to verify the entity has the following:

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|  | Determine if the TO or GO owns or operates a transmission path listed in the tables titled “Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System” and “Major WECC Remedial Action Schemes (RAS).” If it does not, then this standard does not apply. |
|  | Determine if the System Operators and System Protection personnel of the TO or GO analyzed all Protection System and RAS operations. |
|  | Determine if the System Operators of the TO or GO reviewed all tripping of transmission elements and RAS operations to identify apparent Misoperations within 24 hours. |
|  | Determine if the System Protection personnel of TO or GO analyzed all operations of Protection Systems  and RAS within 20 business days for correctness to characterize whether a Misoperation has occurred that may not have been identified by System Operators. |

* [**Compliance Summa****ry:**](#R1_Finding)

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Primary Documents Supporting Findings:

* **Auditor Notes:**

**R2 Supporting Evidence and Documentation**

**R.2.** Transmission Owners and Generator Owners shall perform the following actions for each Misoperation of the Protection System or RAS. It is not intended that Requirements R2.1 through R2.4 apply to Protection System and/or RAS actions that appear to be entirely reasonable and correct at the time of occurrence and associated system performance is fully compliant with NERC Reliability Standards. If the Transmission Owner or Generator Owner later finds the Protection System or RAS operation to be incorrect through System Protection personnel analysis, the requirements of R2.1 through R2.4 become applicable at the time the Transmission Owner or Generator Owner identifies the Misoperation:

**R2.1.** If the Protection System or RAS has a Security-Based Misoperation and two or more Functionally Equivalent Protection Systems (FEPS) or Functionally Equivalent RAS (FERAS) remain in service to ensure Bulk Electric System (BES) reliability, the Transmission Owners or Generator Owners shall remove from service the Protection System or RAS that misoperated within 22 hours following identification of the Misoperation. Repair or replacement of the failed Protection System or RAS is at the Transmission Owners’ and Generator Owners’ discretion.

**R2.2.** If the Protection System or RAS has a Security-Based Misoperation and only one FEPS or FERAS remains in service to ensure BES reliability, the Transmission Owner or Generator Owner shall perform the following.

**R2.2.1.** Following identification of the Protection System or RAS Misoperation, Transmission Owners and Generator Owners shall remove from service within 22 hours for repair or modification the Protection System or RAS that misoperated.

**R2.2.2.** The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner shall repair or replace any Protection System or RAS that misoperated with a FEPS or FERAS within 20 business days of the date of removal. The Transmission Owner or Generator Owner shall remove the Element from service or disable the RAS if repair or replacement is not completed within 20 business days.

**R2.3.** If the Protection System or RAS has a Security-Based or Dependability-Based Misoperation and a FEPS and FERAS is not in service to ensure BES reliability, Transmission Owners or Generator Owners shall repair and place back in service within 22 hours the Protection System or RAS that misoperated. If this cannot be done, then Transmission Owners and Generator Owners shall perform the following.

**R2.3.1.** When a FEPS is not available, the Transmission Owners shall remove the associated Element from service.

**R2.3.2.** When FERAS is not available, then

**R2.3.2.1.** The Generator Owners shall adjust generation to a reliable operating level, or

**R2.3.2.2.** Transmission Operators shall adjust the SOL and operate the facilities within established limits.

**R2.4.** If the Protection System or RAS has a Dependability-Based Misoperation but has one or more FEPS or FERAS that operated correctly, the associated Element or transmission path may remain in service without removing from service the Protection System or RAS that failed, provided one of the following is performed.

**R2.4.1.** Transmission Owners or Generator Owners shall repair or replace any Protection System or RAS that misoperated with FEPS and FERAS within 20 business days of the date of the Misoperation identification, or

**R2.4.2.** Transmission Owners or Generator Owners shall remove from service the associated Element or RAS.

**Registered Entity Response (Required):**

Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement.

**Question:** If you do own protection system or RAS components applied to any of the transmission paths listed in the Tables “Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System” or “Major WECC Remedial Action Schemes (RAS),” did you experience a known or probable relay misoperation during the audit period? If yes, please list all such misoperations.

**Question:** Do you operate any of the transmission paths listed in the Tables “Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System”? If yes, for each misoperation, provide evidence the SOL was adjusted **such that the facilities were operated within established limits.**

Registered Entity Evidence (Required):

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to PRC-004-WECC-2 R2**

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Review the evidence to verify the entity has the following:

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|  | Verify that the Owners of protective relays and Remedial Action Schemes (RAS) applicable under this standard, took the following actions for each known or probable Misoperation of the Protection System or RAS: |
|  | If the Protection System or RAS has a Security-Based Misoperation and two or more Functionally Equivalent Protection Systems (FEPS) or Functionally Equivalent RAS (FERAS) remain in service to ensure Bulk Electric System (BES) reliability, verify the Transmission Owners or Generator Owners removed the Protection System or RAS that misoperated within 22 hours following identification of the Misoperation. |
|  | If the Protection System or RAS has a Security-Based Misoperation and only one FEPS or FERAS remains in service to ensure BES reliability, verify the Transmission Owner or Generator Owner performed the following: |
|  | Following identification of the Misoperation, the Protection System or RAS that misoperated was removed from service within 22 hours for repair or modification |
|  | TheProtection System or RAS that misoperated was repaired or replaced within 20 business days of the date of removal. |
|  | The Element was removed from service or the RAS disabled if repair or replacement was not completed within 20 business days. |
|  | Determine if the Protection System or RAS has a Security-Based or Dependability-Based Misoperation and a FEPS and FERAS was not in service to ensure BES reliability. |
|  | Verify the Protection System or RAS that misoperated was repaired and placed back in service within 22 hours, or performed the following: |
|  | If a FEPS was not available, the associated Element was removed from service. |
|  | If a FERAS was not available, then |
|  | The Generator Owners adjusted generation to a reliable operating level, |
| or | |
|  | Transmission Operators adjusted the SOL and operated the facilities within established limits. |
|  | Determine if the Protection System or RAS has a Dependability-Based Misoperation but has one or more FEPS or FERAS that operated correctly, and the associated Element or transmission path remained in service without removing from service the Protection System or RAS that failed. If so, verify one of the following was performed: |
|  | the Protection System or RAS that misoperated was repaired or replaced within 20 business days of the date of the Misoperation identification, |
| Or | |
|  | The associated Element or RAS was removed from service. |

* [**Compliance** **Summary:**](#R2_Finding)

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Primary Documents Supporting Findings:

* **Auditor Notes:**

# **R3 Supporting Evidence and Documentation**

**R.3.** Transmission Owners and Generation Owners shall submit Misoperation incident reports to WECC within 10 business days for the following.

**R3.1.** Identification of a Misoperation of a Protection System and/or RAS,

**R3.2.** Completion of repairs or the replacement of Protection System and/or RAS that misoperated.

**Registered Entity Response (Required):**

Describe, in narrative form, how you meet compliance with this requirement.

Registered Entity Evidence (Required):

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**Compliance Assessment Approach Specific to PRC-004-WECC-2 R3**

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Review the evidence to verify the entity has the following:

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| Determine if the TO or GO owns protection system components applied to a transmission path listed in Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System or owns a Remedial Action Scheme listed in Major WECC Remedial Action Schemes (RAS), submitted the following to WECC within 10 business days: | |
|  | Misoperation incident reports |
|  | Completion of repairs or the replacement of Protection System and/or RAS that misoperated. |

* [**Compliance Summary:**](#R1_Finding)

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**Supplemental Information**

**Other ‑** The list of questions above is not all inclusive of evidence required to show compliance with the Reliability Standard. Provide additional information here**, as necessary that** demonstrates compliance with this Reliability Standard.

**Standard:** [**PRC-004-WECC-2 — Protective Relay and Remedial Action Scheme Misoperation**](http://www.nerc.com/_layouts/PrintStandard.aspx?standardnumber=PRC-004-WECC-1&title=Protection%20System%20and%20Remedial%20Action%20Scheme%20Misoperation%20(WECC)&jurisdiction=United%20States)

**Table**

**Major WECC Transfer Paths in the Bulk Electric System**

**Used in Standards FAC-501-WECC-1, PRC-004-WECC-2, and TOP-007-WECC-1**

**(Revised September 19, 2007)**

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|  | PATH NAME\* | Path Number |
| 1. | Alberta – British Columbia | 1 |
| 2. | Northwest – British Columbia | 3 |
| 3. | West of Cascades – North | 4 |
| 4. | West of Cascades – South | 5 |
| 5. | West of Hatwai | 6 |
| 6. | Montana to Northwest | 8 |
| 7. | Idaho to Northwest | 14 |
| 8. | South of Los Banos or Midway- Los Banos | 15 |
| 9. | Idaho – Sierra | 16 |
| 10. | Borah West | 17 |
| 11. | Idaho – Montana | 18 |
| 12. | Bridger West | 19 |
| 13. | Path C | 20 |
| 14. | Southwest of Four Corners | 22 |
| 15. | PG&E – SPP | 24 |
| 16. | Northern – Southern California | 26 |
| 17. | Intermountain Power Project DC Line | 27 |
| 18. | TOT 1A | 30 |
| 19. | TOT 2A | 31 |
| 20. | Pavant – Gonder 230 kV  Intermountain – Gonder 230 kV | 32 |
| 21. | TOT 2B | 34 |
| 22. | TOT 2C | 35 |
| 23. | TOT 3 | 36 |
| 24. | TOT 5 | 39 |
| 25. | SDGE – CFE | 45 |
| 26. | West of Colorado River (WOR) | 46 |
| 27. | Southern New Mexico (NM1) | 47 |
| 28. | Northern New Mexico (NM2) | 48 |
| 29. | East of the Colorado River (EOR) | 49 |
| 30. | Cholla – Pinnacle Peak | 50 |
| 31. | Southern Navajo | 51 |
| 32. | Brownlee East | 55 |
| 33. | Lugo – Victorville 500 kV | 61 |
| 34. | Pacific DC Intertie | 65 |
| 35. | COI | 66 |
| 36. | North of John Day cutplane | 73 |
| 37. | Alturas | 76 |
| 38. | Montana Southeast | 80 |
| 39. | SCIT\*\* |  |
| 40. | COI/PDCI – North of John Day cutplane\*\* |  |

**Table**

**Major WECC Remedial Action Schemes (RAS)**

**Used in Standard PRC-004-WECC-2**

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|  | **Path Name\*** | **Path Number** | **RAS** |
| 1. | Alberta – British Columbia | Path 1 | Remedial actions are required to achieve the rated transfer capability. Most involve tripping tie lines for outages in the BCTC system. East to West: For high transfers, generation tripping is required north of the SOK cutplane in Alberta. |
| 2. | Northwest – British Columbia | Path 3 | Generator and reactive tripping in the BCTC system to protect against the impact caused by various contingencies during transfers between British Columbia and the Northwest. |
| 3. | West of Hatwai | Path 6 | Generator dropping (Libby, Noxon, Lancaster, Dworshak); Reactor tripping (Garrison); Tripping of Miles City DC link. |
| 4. | Montana to Northwest | Path 8 | Tripping Colstrip by ATR (NWMT); Switching shunt reactors at Garrison 500 kV; Tripping the back-to-back DC tie at Miles City; Tripping  Libby and Noxon generation by WM-RAS (BPA). |
| 5. | Idaho to Northwest | Path 14 | Generator Runback at Hells Canyon; Jim Bridger tripping for loss of Midpoint – Summer Lake 500 kV line. |
| 6. | Midway-Los Banos | Path 15 | CDWR and PG&E pump load dropping north of Path 15. PG&E service area load dropping north of Path 15. PG&E service area generation dropping south of Path 15. |
| 7. | Idaho Sierra | Path 16 | Automatic load shedding is required when the Alturas line is open for loss of the Midpoint-Humbolt 345 kV line during high Sierra system imports. |
| 8. | Bridger West | Path 19 | Jim Bridger tripping for delayed clearing and multi-line faults; Addition of shunt capacitors at Jim Bridger, Kinport and Goshen and series capacitor bypassing at Burns. |
| 9. | IPP DC Line | Path 27 | IPP Contingency Arming System trips one or two IPP generating units. |
| 10. | TOT1A | Path 30 | Bonanza and Flaming Gorge generation is tripped for loss of the Bonanza-Mona 345 kV line to achieve rating on TOT1A. |
| 11. | TOT2A | Path 31 | For the Montrose-Hesperus 345 kV line outage with Nucla generation above 60 MW, the parallel Montrose-Nucla 115 kV line is automatically transfer tripped. |
| 12. | TOT2B | Path 34 | Trip Huntington generation for loss of the Huntington-Pinto + Four  Corners lines when parallel lines are heavily loaded. |
| 13. | TOT5 | Path 39 | For an outage of the Hayden-Gore Pass 230 kV line, the lower voltage parallel path is tripped. |
| 14. | SDGE RAS | Path 44 | RAS used to meet reactive margin criteria for loss of both San Onofre units. |
| 15. | SDGE – CFE | Path 45 | The purpose of the RAS is to automatically cross-trip (transfer trip) the Miguel – Tijuana 230kV following the outage of Imperial Valley –  Miguel 500kV line. |
| 16. | Southern New Mexico | Path 47 | For double contingencies on the 345 kV lines defined in the path, WECC Operating Procedure EPE-1 is implemented. |
| 17. | Pacific DC Intertie | Path 65 | Northwest generator tripping; Series capacitor fast insertion; mechanically switched shunt capacitors |
| 18. | California – Oregon Intertie | Path 66 | Northwest generator tripping; Chief Jo Brake insertion; Fort Rock Series Capacitor insertion; Northern California generator and pump load tripping; N. California series capacitor bypassing, shunt reactor or capacitor insertion; Initiation of NE\SE Separation Scheme at Four Corners. |
| 19. | Meridian 500/230 kV  Transformers\*\* |  | Following the loss of the Meridian 500/230kV transformers, RAS are used to comply with WECC Standards under high load conditions. |
| 20. | Northern-Southern California | Path 26 | Remedial action required to achieve the rated transfer capability. Midway area generation tripped for loss of any two of three Midway-Vincent 500 kV lines. |
| 21. | PNM Import Contingency Load Shedding Scheme (ICLSS) | Path 48 | ICLSS is a centralized load shedding scheme for low probability events such as simultaneous outage of the Four Corners-West Mesa (FW) 345 kV and San Juan-B-A (WW) 345 kV lines, as well as any unplanned disturbance affecting voltage in the Northern New Mexico transmission system. |
| 22. | Valley Direct Load Trip (DLT) |  | RAS is required for the loss of the Serrano-Valley 500 kV line. About 200 MW of Valley load is tripped. |
| 23. | South of Lugo N-2 RAS |  | RAS is required for the simultaneous double line outage of any combination of the Lugo-Mira Loma 1 (when looped), 2, and 3 500 kV lines and the Lugo-Serrano (when de-looped) 500 kV line. |
| 24. | Lower Snake RAS |  | The RAS is required to protect for the double line outage of the Lower Monumental-Little Goose 500-kV lines. Generation is dropped at Little Goose and Lower Granite Powerhouses as well as key the WM RAS. An outage of the Little Goose – Lower Granite 500 kV lines will drop generation at Lower Granite Powerhouse and key the Western Montana RAS. |
| 25. | Palo Verde – COI Mitigation Scheme | Path 66 | Required to provide for safe operation of the COI for the loss of two units at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS). The RAS protects the PVNGS and Palo Verde Transmission System (PVTS) for faults at Palo Verde and subsequent outage of the Palo Verde – Westwing 500 kV lines. |
| 26. | Palo Verde/Hassayampa RAS |  | Provides protection to the PVNGS and the PVTS for faults at Palo Verde and subsequent double line outage of the Palo Verde to Westwing 500 kV lines.\*\*\* |
| 27. | Sierra Pacific – PacifiCorp RAS | Path 76 | Needed for loss of the 230 kV Malin-Hilltop line when heavily loaded unless automatic reclose is successful. The scheme closes the Hilltop 345 kV line reactor if pre-outage northbound flow is greater than 150 MW. For pre-outage southbound flow greater than 235 MW the Hilltop 345 kV line trips and the Hilltop 345 kV line reactors closes. |

\* For an explanation of terms, path numbers, and definition for the paths refer to WECC’s Path Rating Catalog.

\*\* The Meridian 500/230 kV transformers are not included in the Path Rating Catalog. The RAS associated with the Meridian transformers is included in Table 3 because the failure of the RAS may result in cascading.

\*\*\* The Palo Verde/Hassayampa RAS is designed to prevent cascading problems throughout the WECC region. This scheme is not Path related and is not used to protect any specific WECC Path.

**Revision History**

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| **Date** | **Reviewers** | **Revision Description** |
| June 2011 | Roger Cummins | Initial |
| January 2013 | Mindee Hawes | Updated Formatting for 2013 |
| December 2014 | WECC Compliance | Updated formatting for 2014 |
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| March 2017 | WECC Compliance | Initial RSAW for PRC-004-WECC-2 |
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