**Regional Reliability Standard Submittal Request**

**Attachment J**

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| **Region:** | **Western Electricity Coordinating Council** |
| **Regional Standard Number:** | **VAR-501-WECC-4**[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| **Regional Standard Title:** | **Power System Stabilizer** |
| **Date Submitted:** | **July 20, 2023** |
| **Regional Contact Name:** | **Steven Rueckert** |
| **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 standard [x]  Modification of Existing WECC Regional Standard VAR-501-WECC-4 – Information Only [ ]  Withdrawal of an existing standard [ ]  Urgent Action  |
| **Has this action been approved by your Board of Directors:**[x]  No [ ]  Yes **(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)):**Per the WECC Reliability Standards Development Procedures (Procedures), approval of Non-Substantive Changes to a Regional Reliability Standard (RRS) do not require WECC Board of Director (Board) approval.The WECC Standards Committee (WSC) is empowered by the Procedures to address Non-Substantive changes without Board review.**Excerpt from December 6, 2022, WECC Standards Committee minutes:** **Item 8:** **WECC-0148 VAR-501-WECC-4 – Power System Stabilizer / No Change – Information Only Filing***“No Substantive Change”- Informational Filing Only*On June 21, 2022, the [WECC-0148](https://internal.wecc.org/Standards/pages/wecc-0148.aspx) drafting team (WECC-0148 DT) began a five-year review of VAR-501-WECC-3.1, Power System Stabilizer, as required by the Procedures. On July 1, 2022, after reviewing the entire document during multiple public meetings, the DT unanimously agreed that no Substantive Changes should be made to the Standard.  On July 11, 2022, a [list](https://internal.wecc.org/Administrative/WECC-0148%20Notice%20of%20No%20Substantive%20Change.pdf) of proposed Non-Substantive Changes was distributed to the Standards Email List (SEL) inviting comments or concerns to be forwarded to WECC Standards staff. A redline and a clean version of the project was posted on the WECC-0148, Posted for Comment 1 accordion. No comments were received. Non-Substantive changes do not require a posting for comment.[[2]](#footnote-2) The WSC was briefed on its Procedural authority to approve the project with no further due process, so long as all changes were deemed Non-Substantive. (See Attachment A, Request for Information Filing.) **On a motion by Ms. Cabbell, the WSC accepted WECC-0148 VAR-501-WECC-4 (VAR), Power System Stabilizer as presented with only non-substantive changes.**The WSC instructed staff to prepare an information-only filing for NERC. Per the Procedures, no further due process is required for this project. |
| **[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.]** |
| Not Used. |
| **Concise statement of the basis and purpose (scope) of request:** | This request makes Non-Substantive Changes to VAR-501-WECC-3.1, Power System Stabilizer. Non-Substantive Changes approved by the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) do not require a Posting/Comment/Response cycle nor further due process at WECC.Non-Substantive Changes were approved by the WSC on December 6, 2022. This listing of WSC-approved Non-Substantive Changes appears in the VAR-501-WECC-4, Power System Stabilizer Version History Table: “An information-only filing provided to NERC reflects the following:1) Updates to the template and syntax,2) Removal of stale-dated language from the Effective Date,3) Deletion of “For auditing purposes of…” from M4,4) In the Guidance section, “dampen” was replaced with “damp”, and syntax was addressed deleting “still”, “of those”, “of the”, and “to ensure” was replaced with “ensuring”, and “wash out” was replaced with “washout.”  |
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| **Concise statement of the justification of the request:** | See WECC-0148 VAR-501-WECC-4 Power System Stabilizer Informational Filing – Attachment T – Supporting Documentation |

1. Numbering is subject to NERC assignment. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. “Non-Substantive Changes do not require a posting/comment/response cycle. Non-Substantive errors discovered prior to the opening of a WECC ballot on either an RRS or a CRT may be corrected by WECC staff.” Treatment of Non-Substantive Changes, Procedures, page 12. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)