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Subject: VAR-501-WECC-4, Power System Stabilizer
Non-Substantive Changes/Informational Filing Only

Dear Kimberlin,

Per the WECC Reliability Standards Development Procedures (Procedures), the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) ensures each Regional Reliability Standard undergoes a substantive review at least once every five years.[[1]](#footnote-1)

VAR-501-WECC-3, Power System Stabilizer became due for review in September 2022.

On July 1, 2022, after reviewing the entire document during multiple public meetings, a drafting team of subject matter experts unanimously agreed that no Substantive Changes should be made to the Standard.[[2]](#footnote-2)

On July 11, 2022, a list of proposed Non-Substantive changes was distributed to the WECC Standards Email List (SEL) inviting comments or concerns to be forwarded to WECC Standards staff regarding the proposed Non-Substantive changes.[[3]](#footnote-3) No comments were received.

Non-Substantive changes do not require a posting for comment. Approval of Non-Substantive changes is within the purview of the WSC.[[4]](#footnote-4)

On December 6, 2022, the WSC approved Non-Substantive changes to the Standard with instructions that an information-only filing be provided to NERC.[[5]](#footnote-5)

Attached please find:

* A redline of the as-approved Standard showing WSC-approved Non-Substantive changes. A list of the approved changes is included in the version table of the Standard.
* A clean version of VAR-501-WECC-4, Power System Stabilizer.

Because the WSC-approved changes do not affect application of the Standard, an implementation plan is not needed.

This filing concludes WECC’s required due process per the Procedures. Please update the NERC-controlled version of the Standard.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Rueckert

WECC Director of Standards

For documentation support, please contact W. Shannon Black at (503) 307-5782.

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| **Regional Reliability Standard(s) (Clean Existing) Attachment B** |  |  |  |
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| **Project Roadmap Attachment E**  |  |  |  |
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| \*Applicable governmental authorities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico  |
| *To be provided by NERC.* |

1. Maintenance of RRSs and CRTs, Procedures, page 21. FERC approved September 13, 2021. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Substantive Change: A change that alters the scope, applicability, required actions, or intent of the document. Definitions, Procedures, page 3. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Non-Substantive Change: Revisions that do not change the scope, applicability, or intent of any requirement, including correcting the numbering of a requirement, correcting references, changes to document styles and templates, correcting the spelling of a word, adding an obviously missing word, or rephrasing a requirement for improved clarity. Definitions, Procedures, page 3. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Treatment of Non-Substantive Changes, Procedures, page 12. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Loc. Cit. See also WSC Minutes for December 6, 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)