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**Subject:** WECC-0142: Request to Retire BAL-002-WECC-3, Contingency Reserve Notice of Ballot  
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## Project WECC-0142 – Notice of Ballot Pool Formation and Ballot

### *Background*

On March 06, 2025 the WECC Standards Committee (WSC) approved the project **WECC-0142: Request to Retire BAL-002-WECC-3, Contingency Reserve** drafting team's request to put the project out for industry ballot. This project comes from a request that the Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3 be retired in its entirety. The drafting team has written a white paper with justification to do so, and this white paper was put out for industry comment. The result of that comment period was 100% support for the retirement of the Standard based on the rationale presented in the white paper. The [white paper](#), comment period responses and other supporting documents can be found on the [WECC-0142 project page](#).

While the WECC IT team works to implement the new balloting software that will be used with the new WECC website that came online in 2024, the process for balloting WECC-0142 will be different than previous balloting processes. This interim balloting process will still conform to the WECC Reliability Standards Development Procedures ([RSDP](#)).

### **WECC-0142 Balloting Timeline**

The following schedule applies to the project:

April 13<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> the ballot pool will be open and members of the WECC Ballot Body interested in participating in the Ballot can join the Ballot Pool.

April 30<sup>th</sup> a standards briefing meeting will be held for any clarifying questions before the Ballot opens. Information about this meeting will be provided separately and found on the calendar on the WECC website as well.

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> the Ballot will be open, and members of the ballot pool will have the opportunity to cast their vote and provide narrative feedback. The Ballot will be scheduled to close at 6 p.m. MDT on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

After this, WECC Staff will compile the votes and narratives and send out notice of the outcome of the Ballot

### **WECC-0142 Balloting Process**

The Balloting Process will have the following steps.

1. 4/11/2025 - WECC Standards staff will send an email notification to the Standards Distribution list with the balloting information and process with a solicitation for current Ballot Body members to join the pool. This is that notification.
2. 4/13/2025 – Ballot Pool Formation Opens - To join the pool an interested member of

the Ballot Body must send an email to [Standards@wecc.org](mailto:Standards@wecc.org) with the following information that can be validated against the Ballot Body

- a. Their Name,
  - b. Their Entity's Name,
  - c. Sector(s) they are joining under
  - d. Stated interest in joining the WECC-0142 Ballot Pool
3. 4/28/2025 6:00 p.m. MDT – Ballot Pool Closes
  4. 4/30/2025 - WECC Standards staff will facilitate the Standards Briefing call
  5. WECC Staff will send another email notification to the formed ballot pool for a reminder on when and how to cast their votes once the Ballot Pool formation closes and the Standards briefing call is complete.
  6. Standards Staff will have WECC IT open a button on the WECC Regional Standards Voting web page.
  7. 5/1/2025 – Ballot Voting Opens - Those who have registered for and been validated to be part of the Ballot Pool will cast their votes.
  8. 5/15/2025 6:00 p.m. MDT – Ballot Voting Closes

### **Procedural Notes**

The RSDP state the following when it comes to noticing the Ballot and forming the discrete Ballot Pool from the larger Ballot Body:

“Notice that a Ballot Pool is forming will be sent via the SEL and posted to the WECC website. That notice shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Identification of the RRS or CRT;
2. The proposed action to be taken (e.g., Notice of Ballot Pool Formation / Notice of Ballot);
3. When the Ballot Pool will open and close;
4. When the ballot will take place;
5. How to cast a vote; and,
6. The WECC website location of the proposed RRS or CRT and related documents for review. “

As well as

“Applications received less than five days prior to the opening of a Ballot Pool may not be considered for inclusion in that Ballot Pool unless specifically allowed by the Director of Standards (DOS).”

Both of these statements can be found on page 14 of the [Reliability Standards Development Procedures](#) found on WECC's website.

Please reach out to me with any questions or comments that you may have.

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