

Standard Authorization Request (SAR)

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The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) welcomes suggestions to improve the reliability of the bulk power system through improved Reliability Standards.

Requested information			
SAR Title:	Reporting ACE Definition and Associated Terms		
Date Submitted:	December 17, 2021		
SAR Requester			
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SAR Type (Check as many as apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Imminent Action/ Confidential Issue (SPM Section 10)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision to Existing Standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Variance development or revision
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add, Modify or Retire a Glossary Term	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdraw/retire an Existing Standard		
Justification for this proposed standard development project (Check all that apply to help NERC prioritize development)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory Initiation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NERC Standing Committee Identified
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emerging Risk (Reliability Issues Steering Committee) Identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Periodic Review Initiated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reliability Standard Development Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry Stakeholder Identified
Industry Need (What Bulk Electric System (BES) reliability benefit does the proposed project provide?):			
The current definition of Reporting ACE has a conflict with the Western Interconnection's Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC) process and does not allow other Interconnections to pursue ATEC or similar functions. Additionally, there could be some confusion in that the terms ACE and Reporting ACE are both used throughout the standards.			
Purpose or Goal (How does this proposed project provide the reliability-related benefit described above?):			
A revised definition should provide improve long-term average frequency performance as well as give other Interconnections the ability to pursue automatic correction approaches.			
Project Scope (Define the parameters of the proposed project):			
The RS has recommended the Reporting ACE definition be modified to accommodate any Interconnection that has an approved Automatic Time Error Correction or other process to control inadvertent accumulation. The revised definition should be shortened to remove verbiage that			

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<p>duplicates obligations in the BAL standards. Having duplicative language adds complexity to future changes to the applicable BAL standards.</p>
<p>Detailed Description (Describe the proposed deliverable(s) with sufficient detail for a drafting team to execute the project. If you propose a new or substantially revised Reliability Standard or definition, provide: (1) a technical justification¹ which includes a discussion of the reliability-related benefits of developing a new or revised Reliability Standard or definition, and (2) a technical foundation document (e.g., research paper) to guide development of the Standard or definition):</p>
<p>With the Eastern Interconnection experiencing a large amount of accumulated time error, the Resources Subcommittee has been investigating acceptable methods for correction in alignment with current standards, guidelines, and reference documents. These changes will not only allow all interconnections to implement an automated time error correction process but will also reduce confusion on what components make up the ACE used for reporting. Making the Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC) term generic (as opposed to Western Interconnection-specific) will accommodate other acceptable approaches.</p> <p>Additionally, the drafting team should consider the usage of “Reporting ACE”, “ACE”, “Reserve Sharing Group Reporting ACE”, “ACE Diversity Interchange” or other related terms associated with an ACE equation in the standards. Reporting ACE and Area Control Error (ACE (standalone term)) are both used over 100 times in the set of standards, guidelines, and reference documents. For example, The Resources Subcommittee and the Real-Time Operating Subcommittee has input to the NERC Reliability & Security Technical Committee approved Time Monitoring Reference Document which the Reporting ACE definition supports. An evaluation of all acceptable components of ACE and their associated definitions to ensure a consistent application between Responsible Entities would be beneficial to the industry.</p> <p>Finally, there is a glossary term Automatic Time Error Correction (I_{ATEC}) to support BAL-004-WECC-03. If kept in the NERC Glossary, the term should be reviewed and modified as necessary (e.g. change the glossary to “ATEC (WECC)”).</p>
<p>Cost Impact Assessment, if known (Provide a paragraph describing the potential cost impacts associated with the proposed project):</p>
<p>There are no added requirements, and no additional costs are expected.</p>
<p>Please describe any unique characteristics of the BES facilities that may be impacted by this proposed standard development project (e.g., Dispersed Generation Resources):</p>
<p>No negative impacts expected. If average Frequency and Time Error are better controlled, there should be fewer manual Time Error Corrections, which would be a Reliability improvement.</p>
<p>To assist the NERC Standards Committee in appointing a drafting team with the appropriate members, please indicate to which Functional Entities the proposed standard(s) should apply (e.g., Transmission Operator, Reliability Coordinator, etc. See the most recent version of the NERC Functional Model for definitions):</p>

¹ The NERC Rules of Procedure require a technical justification for new or substantially revised Reliability Standards. Please attach pertinent information to this form before submittal to NERC.

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Resource Subcommittee members, particularly those affiliated with Balancing Authorities or Reserve Sharing Groups.
Do you know of any consensus building activities ² in connection with this SAR? If so, please provide any recommendations or findings resulting from the consensus building activity.
A webinar would be appropriate.
Are there any related standards or SARs that should be assessed for impact as a result of this proposed project? If so, which standard(s) or project number(s)?
None
Are there alternatives (e.g., guidelines, white paper, alerts, etc.) that have been considered or could meet the objectives? If so, please list the alternatives.

This is not a standard. The definition change supports NERC OC Reference Documents and Guidelines.

Reliability Principles	
Does this proposed standard development project support at least one of the following Reliability Principles (Reliability Interface Principles)? Please check all those that apply.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Interconnected bulk power systems shall be planned and operated in a coordinated manner to perform reliably under normal and abnormal conditions as defined in the NERC Standards.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. The frequency and voltage of interconnected bulk power systems shall be controlled within defined limits through the balancing of real and reactive power supply and demand.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Information necessary for the planning and operation of interconnected bulk power systems shall be made available to those entities responsible for planning and operating the systems reliably.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Plans for emergency operation and system restoration of interconnected bulk power systems shall be developed, coordinated, maintained and implemented.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Facilities for communication, monitoring and control shall be provided, used and maintained for the reliability of interconnected bulk power systems.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Personnel responsible for planning and operating interconnected bulk power systems shall be trained, qualified, and have the responsibility and authority to implement actions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. The security of the interconnected bulk power systems shall be assessed, monitored and maintained on a wide area basis.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Bulk power systems shall be protected from malicious physical or cyber attacks.

Market Interface Principles	
Does the proposed standard development project comply with all of the following Market Interface Principles ?	Enter (yes/no)
1. A reliability standard shall not give any market participant an unfair competitive advantage.	Yes

² Consensus building activities are occasionally conducted by NERC and/or project review teams. They typically are conducted to obtain industry inputs prior to proposing any standard development project to revise, or develop a standard or definition.

Market Interface Principles	
2. A reliability standard shall neither mandate nor prohibit any specific market structure.	Yes
3. A reliability standard shall not preclude market solutions to achieving compliance with that standard.	Yes
4. A reliability standard shall not require the public disclosure of commercially sensitive information. All market participants shall have equal opportunity to access commercially non-sensitive information that is required for compliance with reliability standards.	Yes

Identified Existing or Potential Regional or Interconnection Variances	
Region(s)/ Interconnection	Explanation
<i>None</i>	

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SAR Status Tracking (Check off as appropriate).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Draft SAR reviewed by NERC Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Draft SAR presented to SC for acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> DRAFT SAR approved for posting by the SC	<input type="checkbox"/> Final SAR endorsed by the SC <input type="checkbox"/> SAR assigned a Standards Project by NERC <input type="checkbox"/> SAR denied or proposed as Guidance document

Version History

Version	Date	Owner	Change Tracking
1	June 3, 2013		Revised
1	August 29, 2014	Standards Information Staff	Updated template
2	January 18, 2017	Standards Information Staff	Revised
2	June 28, 2017	Standards Information Staff	Updated template
3	February 22, 2019	Standards Information Staff	Added instructions to submit via Help Desk
4	February 25, 2020	Standards Information Staff	Updated template footer