**Unofficial Comment Form**Regional Reliability Interpretation BAL-002-WECC-2a

**DO NOT** use this form for submitting comments. Use the [electronic form](https://www.nerc.net/nercsurvey/Survey.aspx?s=edc7fbf582be43e89f32c41d93d32f61) to submit comments on the **Regional Reliability Interpretation for BAL-002-WECC-2a**. The electronic form must be submitted by **8 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, September 17, 2015.**

Documents and information about this project are available on the [Regional Reliability Standards Under Development](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/RegionalReliabilityStandardsUnderDevelopment.aspx)page. If you have questions, contact [Mat Bunch](mailto:mat.bunch@nerc.net) or [Barb Nutter](mailto:barbara.nutter@nerc.net).

**Background Information**

A regional reliability standard shall be: (1) a regional reliability standard that is more stringent than the continent-wide reliability standard, including a regional standard that addresses matters that the continent-wide reliability standard does not; or (2) a regional reliability standard that is necessitated by a physical difference in the bulk power system. Regional reliability standards shall provide for as much uniformity as possible with reliability standards across the interconnected bulk power system of the North American continent. Regional reliability standards, when approved by FERC and applicable authorities in Mexico and Canada, shall be made part of the body of NERC reliability standards and shall be enforced upon all applicable bulk power system owners, operators, and users within the applicable area, regardless of membership in the region.

The approval process for a regional reliability standard requires NERC to publicly notice and request comment on the proposed interpretation. Comments shall be permitted only on the following criteria (technical aspects of the standard are vetted through the regional standards development process):

**Unfair or Closed Process —** The regional reliability interpretation was not developed in a fair and open process that provided an opportunity for all interested parties to participate. Although a NERC-approved regional reliability standards development procedure shall be presumed to be fair and open, objections could be raised regarding the implementation of the procedure.

**Adverse Reliability or Commercial Impact on Other Interconnections —** The regional reliability interpretation would have a significant adverse impact on reliability or commerce in other interconnections.

**Deficient Standard —** The regional reliability interpretation fails to provide a level of reliability of the bulk power system such that the regional reliability standard would be likely to cause a serious and substantial threat to public health, safety, welfare, or national security.

**Adverse Impact on Competitive Markets within the Interconnection —** The regional reliability interpretation would create a serious and substantial burden on competitive markets within the interconnection that is not necessary for reliability.

**Questions**

1. **Do you agree the proposed interpretation was developed in a fair and open process, using the associated Regional Reliability Standards Development Procedure?**

Yes

No

Comments:

1. **Does the proposed interpretation pose an adverse impact to reliability or commerce in a neighboring region or interconnection?**

Yes

No

Comments:

1. **Does the proposed interpretation pose a serious and substantial threat to public health, safety, welfare, or national security?**

Yes

No

Comments:

1. **Does the proposed interpretation pose a serious and substantial burden on competitive markets within the interconnection that is not necessary for reliability?**

Yes

No

Comments: