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WECC Policy Statement:

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Policy Criteria

Any entity may request an interpretation of a Regional Criteria by sending a request through the WECC web portal, identifying the regional criterion and requirement or requirements for which additional clarity is sought. The request shall indicate the material impact to the requesting entity or others caused by the actual or potential lack of clarity. An interpretation is limited to clarifying existing requirements in approved regional criteria. Interpretations may not be developed that expand upon a requirement or that provide guidance on how to apply a requirement.

The Director of Standards shall review the request for clarity and completeness and shall work with the requestor to clarify the request or complete any missing elements of the request if needed. The Director of Standards shall forward the request to the Standards Request Routing Committee (SRRRC). If the Director believes that the request is intended to change a requirement or is seeking feedback on how to apply a requirement, rather than interpret the requirement, the Director shall note that to the SRRRC. If the SRRRC agrees by majority vote, the request shall be denied and returned to the requestor with an explanation. If denied, the requestor shall be advised of the appeals process.

Within 10 calendar days after receipt of the request, the SRRRC shall assign the interpretation request to the Standing Committee (SC) responsible for creating the Criteria. Within 21 days of receiving the request, the SC Chair shall assemble an Interpretation Drafting Team (IDT) with the relevant expertise to address the clarification. The IDT should include members from the original Criteria Drafting Team, to the extent possible, and may be supplemented as deemed appropriate by the SC Chair, but shall not contain any member representing the entity that submitted the request.

As soon as practicable, but not more than 45 calendar days after the SC assembles the IDT, the IDT shall draft a written interpretation to the Criteria providing the requested clarity. The interpretation shall be posted for a 30-day formal comment period. The IDT shall then have 15 days to respond to the comments and to make any changes to the interpretation. The IDT shall then return the interpretation to the SC which shall then post the interpretation for another 30 days To give entities time to review the interpretations prior to the SC vote. The SC shall vote on the interpretation as soon as practicable after the posting period consistent with the Voting Procedures for WECC Standing Committees. Use of a conference call or web meeting and electronic or e-mail



balloting is encouraged to shorten the interpretation process. If the interpretation is approved, the SC shall forward it to the WECC Board of Directors for approval. If the SC rejects the interpretation, the Director of Standards shall notify the requestor.

The approved interpretation shall be appended to the Criteria. The interpretation will remain appended to the Criteria until such time as the Criteria is revised through the normal process incorporating the clarifications provided by the interpretation. Furthermore, the interpretation shall be forwarded to the appropriate regulatory authorities in British Columbia, Alberta and Mexico.

Approved By:

Approving Committee, Entity or Person	Date
Reliability Policy Issues Committee	3/24/10
Board of Directors	4/28/10