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1 Introduction

1. On June 15, 2017, the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)¹ filed the following Alberta reliability standard with the Alberta Utilities Commission for review pursuant to Section 19(4)(b) of the *Transmission Regulation*. The AUC registered this filing as Application 22738-A001 and designated it as Proceeding 22738.

Table 1. Reliability standard filed June 15, 2017

Reliability standard category	Reliability standard	Reliability standard name	Proposed action
Resource and Demand Balancing (BAL)	BAL-004-AB-0	Time Error Correction	Remove

2. Pursuant to Section 19(4) of the *Transmission Regulation*, the Independent System Operator (ISO), before adopting or making reliability standards, must consult with those market participants that it considers are likely to be directly affected, and must forward the reliability standards to the Commission for review, along with the ISO's recommendation that the Commission either approve or reject each of them.

3. Pursuant to sections 19(5) and 19(6) of the *Transmission Regulation*, the Commission must approve, or refuse to approve, each reliability standard, in accordance with the recommendation of the ISO, unless an interested person satisfies the Commission that the ISO's recommendation is:

- (a) technically deficient, or
- (b) not in the public interest

4. On June 15, 2017, the Commission issued a notice of filing, and notice for objection, for the reliability standard identified in Table 1, by uploading the notice to the Commission's eFiling System.

5. No objections were filed with the Commission before or on the June 29, 2017 deadline specified in the notice of filing and notice for objection.

¹ The Independent System Operator (ISO) is established under Section 7(1) of the *Electric Utilities Act* and operates under the trade name AESO.

2 Background

6. The AESO stated that existing BAL-004-AB-0 provides the requirements associated with the implementation of manual time error correction on the interconnection. On November 2, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Board of Trustees approved the retirement of NERC BAL-004-0 after a review by and recommendation from the NERC Periodic Review Team, and on January 18, 2017, the NERC listed NERC BAL-004-0 as an inactive reliability standard.
7. The AESO submitted that the NERC determined that manual time error correction does not materially support reliability of the bulk power system. The AESO further submitted that as long as BAL-004-AB-0 remains in effect in Alberta, the AESO will continue to be held to mandatory compliance with a non-authoritative practice in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. Accordingly, the AESO recommended that the existing BAL-004-AB-0 be retired.
8. The AESO stated in its notice of filing to the Commission that it was of the view that market participants are not likely to be directly affected by the removal of BAL-004-AB-0, and that accordingly, no formal consultation with market participants was undertaken.
9. The AESO attached a copy of BAL-004-AB-0 to Application 22738-A001, submitted that the proposed removal of this reliability standard is compliant with the requirements of the *Transmission Regulation*, and recommended that the Commission approve the removal of BAL-004-AB-0 pursuant to Section 19 of the *Transmission Regulation*.

3 Commission findings and decision

10. Pursuant to sections 19(5) and 19(6) of the *Transmission Regulation* the Commission must follow the recommendation of the ISO to either approve or reject proposed reliability standards unless the recommendation is demonstrated to be technically deficient or not in the public interest:

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[...]

19(5) Subject to subsection (6), the Commission must approve or refuse to approve the reliability standards, agreements, criteria or directives, and must inform the ISO of its decision.

(6) The Commission must follow the recommendation of the ISO that the Commission approve or reject the proposed reliability standards, agreements, criteria or directives unless an interested person satisfies the Commission that the ISO's recommendation is

- (a) technically deficient, or
- (b) not in the public interest

11. The ISO forwarded the reliability standard in Table 1 to the AUC with a recommendation that the Commission approve the removal of BAL-004-AB-0.

12. The Commission will rely on the assertion of the ISO that no market participant is likely to be affected by the removal of the reliability standard in Table 1 and that no formal consultation was required. Based on that, the Commission finds that the ISO complied with Section 19(4)(a) of the *Transmission Regulation*.

13. No party filed an objection with the AUC indicating that the recommended removal of the reliability standard is either technically deficient, or not in the public interest.

14. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(6) of the *Transmission Regulation*, the Commission approves the removal of the reliability standard contained within Application 22738-A001, in accordance with the recommendation of the ISO. The Commission advises that the removal of the reliability standard will be effective as follows:

Table 2. Effective date

Reliability standard	Effective date
BAL-004-AB-0	Removed, effective July 17, 2017

Dated on July 14, 2017.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Bill Lyttle
Commission Member