Unofficial Comment Form
Project 2010-14.2.2 Phase 2 of Balancing Authority Reliability-based Controls: Time Error Correction
BAL-004-0 Standard Authorization Request

DO NOT use this form for submitting comments. Use the electronic form to submit comments on the Standard Authorization Request (SAR) recommendation to retire BAL-004-0. Comments must be submitted by 8 p.m. Eastern, Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Documents and information about this project are available on the project page. If you have questions, contact Senior Standards Developer, Darrel Richardson (via email), or at (609) 613-1848.

Background Information
This posting solicits comments on the recommendation of the Balancing Authority Reliability-based Controls 2 Periodic Review Team (BARC 2 PRT) to retire BAL-004-0 – Time Error Correction. To support its recommendation, the BARC 2 PRT has posted a paper, “Time Error Correction and Reliability White Paper,” and a draft Standard Authorization Request alongside its formal recommendation.

The BARC 2 PRT was appointed by the Standards Committee on September 19, 2013 as part of NERC’s obligation to conduct periodic reviews of its standards. The BARC 2 PRT used background information on the standards and the questions set forth in the Periodic Review Template developed by NERC and approved by the Standards Committee, along with associated worksheets and reference documents, to determine whether BAL-004-0 should be: (1) affirmed as is (i.e., no changes needed); (2) revised (which may include revising or retiring one or more requirements); or (3) retired. During the development of the recommendation, the PRT also considered stakeholder recommendations for candidate Paragraph 81 requirements from Phase 1 of Paragraph 81, and applied the Paragraph 81 criteria to all of the requirements. The team also considered the Independent Expert Review Panel recommendations on the two standards.

After an extensive review, the BARC 2 PRT agrees with the Independent Expert Review Panel and is recommending that Reliability Standard BAL-004-0 be retired and that manual Time Error Correction (TEC) be eliminated as a continent-wide NERC requirement. The accompanying North American Energy Standard Board (NAESB) business practice standard, WEQ Manual Time Error Correction Business Practice Standard – WEQ-006, should also be retired. Once the current 30-day industry comment period concludes, the BARC 2 SDT will consider comments and finalize its recommendation, which will be presented to the Standards Committee.
Questions

1. Do you agree that BAL-004-0 – Time Error Correction should be retired and that the practice of manual Time Error Correction should be eliminated? If not, please explain.
   Yes: X
   No:
   Comments: The Drafting Team will have to evaluate whether the terms Time Error and Time Error Correction can be removed from the NERC Glossary, and whether any other NERC documents are impacted.

2. Do you know of any constituents that may have concerns with the retirement of standard BAL-004-0 – Time Error Correction? If yes, please explain.
   Yes:
   No: X
   Comments: The links are not established in the SAR for sarcomm@nerc.com, Roster, and Independent Expert Review Project report.