

Announcement: 10-Day Comment Period Opens February 29, 2016 through March 9, 2016

The ReliabilityFirst Standards Committee announces the following Standards action:

The ReliabilityFirst Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation (BAL-502-RFC-02) Standard is posted for the required five year review, 10-Day Comment Period (February 29, 2016 through March 9, 2016).

Per the ReliabilityFirst Reliability Standards Development Procedure (Maintenance of Regional Reliability Standards section), the Standards Committee shall ensure that each Standard be reviewed at least once every five years from the effective date of the Standard ([BAL-502-RFC-02](#) having an effective date of May 23, 2011). The review process shall be conducted by soliciting comments from the stakeholders. If, through the 10-Day stakeholder comment period, no changes are warranted, the Standards Committee shall recommend to the ReliabilityFirst Board that the Standard be reaffirmed. If the review indicates a need to revise or delete the Standard, a SAR shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the standards development process contained in ReliabilityFirst Reliability Standards Development Procedure.

Also within [FERC Order No 747](#) (Order approving the Standard), the Commission directed ReliabilityFirst to (1) add time horizons to the two main requirements, and (2) consider modifying the regional Reliability Standard to include a requirement that the planning coordinators identify any gap between the needed amount of planning reserves defined in Requirement R1.1 and the planning reserves determined from the resource adequacy analysis.

At this time, we are requesting your input into whether the Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation should be reaffirmed (which would include a process to respond to FERC directives), revised or retired. The comment survey form is located on the [BAL-502-RF-02 Five Year Review webpage](#).

Background and Additional Information:

ReliabilityFirst Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation (BAL-502-RFC-02) Standard was approved as a Regional Reliability Standard by the Commission in Order No 747 on March 17, 2011 and became enforceable on May 23, 2011. The BAL-502-RFC-02 Standard establishes requirements for Planning Coordinators in the ReliabilityFirst region regarding resource adequacy assessment, which subject matter is not currently addressed in NERC's continent-wide Reliability Standards. The Commission also approves four regional reliability definitions related to the approved regional Reliability Standard and the violation risk factors and violation severity levels assigned to the BAL-502-RFC-02 Requirements.

The BAL-502-RFC-02 Standard contains the following two main requirements. Requirement R1 requires each Planning Coordinator in the ReliabilityFirst footprint to perform and document an annual resource adequacy analysis. The sub-requirements of Requirement R1 set forth the criteria to be used for the resource adequacy analysis. Requirement R2 requires each Planning Coordinator to annually document the projected load and resource capability for each area and transmission constrained sub-area identified in the analysis. The sub-requirements of Requirement R2 set forth the specific documentation requirements.

At the time of approval, the Commission also directed ReliabilityFirst, at the time it conducts its scheduled five year review, to (1) add time horizons to the two main requirements, and (2) consider modifying the regional Reliability Standard to include a requirement that the planning coordinators identify any gap between the needed amount of planning reserves defined in Requirement R1.1 and the planning reserves determined from the resource adequacy analysis.