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**Transmission Reliability Margin
Implementation Document
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(North American Energy Standards Board WEQ-023)**

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1 I. Purpose

2 This Transmission Reliability Margin Implementation Document (TRMID) addresses the
3 requirements of North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Wholesale Electric Quadrant
4 business practice standard 023 (WEQ-023). This TRMID applies to TRM calculations through
5 month 13.

6 II. Definitions

7 All capitalized terms used in this TRMID are found in NAESB's Abbreviations, Acronyms, and
8 Definition of Terms, WEQ-000 and North American Electric Reliability Corporation's Glossary
9 of Terms.

10 III. Transmission Reliability Margin Calculation Methodology

11 BPA calculates and maintains a Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM) across its Northern
12 Intertie N>S, Northern Intertie S>N and Satsop Injection ATC paths.

13 BPA does not maintain Capacity Benefit Margin (CBM) on any of its ATC paths, and therefore
14 does not include any of the components of CBM in its TRM calculations.

15 TRM across Northern Intertie N>S and Northern Intertie S>N

16 BPA uses the following components of uncertainty to establish TRM on its **Northern Intertie**
17 **N>S and S>N** ATC paths:

- 18 ○ Variations in generation dispatch (including, but not limited to, forced or unplanned
19 outages, maintenance outages and location of future generation).
- 20 ○ Inertial response and frequency bias.

21 BPA uses the following component of uncertainty to establish additional TRM on its **Northern**
22 **Intertie S>N** ATC path:

- 23 ○ Allowances for simultaneous path interactions.

24 To calculate the TRM for the uncertainty arising from variations in generation dispatch and
25 inertial response and frequency bias, BPA's Transmission System Operations organization
26 conducted a post event analysis in 2013. The results of this analysis are validated every 13
27 months based on operating experience and the capacity amount that has proven sufficient
28 and effective to mitigate such uncertainty in the past.

29 BPA's Transmission System Operations studies have shown that there is an interaction
30 between flows on the Northern Intertie S>N path and flows on the AC Intertie (NWACI) N>S
31 and North of Hanford N>S paths. To mitigate the uncertainty that results from this path
32 interaction, BPA has established an additional TRM on Northern Intertie S>N when the Total
33 Transfer Capability on this path is above 2000MW.

34 The amount of TRM BPA incorporates is based upon the results of the technical analyses
35 provided by Transmission System Operations. The final decision as to whether or not to
36 market any of the TRM as non-firm, up to its maximum value, is made by Transmission
37 Operations.

38 Currently, BPA applies the TRM due to variations in generation dispatch and inertial response
39 and frequency bias to its firm and non-firm ATC calculations across the Northern Intertie N>S
40 and Northern Intertie S>N ATC paths. BPA applies the TRM that is the result of allowances for
41 simultaneous path interactions to the firm ATC calculation only across the Northern Intertie
42 S>N ATC path.

43 **TRM values across Satsop Injection**

44 BPA uses the following component of uncertainty to establish TRM on its Satsop Injection ATC
45 path:

- 46 ○ Forecast uncertainty in Transmission system topology (including, but not limited to,
47 forced or unplanned outages and maintenance outages).

48 To mitigate this uncertainty, BPA has established a TRM when the Total Transfer Capability on
49 this path is above 200MW.

50 The amount of TRM BPA incorporates is based upon the results of the technical analyses
51 provided by Transmission System Operations. The final decision as to whether or not to
52 market any of the TRM as non-firm, up to its maximum value, is made by Transmission
53 Operations.

54 Currently, BPA applies the TRM for Satsop Injection to the firm ATC calculation across this
55 path.

56 **TRM for Each Time Period**

57 BPA uses the same TRM calculation described above for the same day and real-time, day-
58 ahead and pre-schedule, and beyond day-ahead and pre-schedule, up to thirteen months
59 ahead time periods.

60 BPA establishes TRM values in accordance with its TRMID at least once every 13 months.

61 **Sharing TRM**

62 The results of BPA's Transmission System Operations TRM studies are shared electronically
63 with BPA's Transmission Planner and Transmission Service Provider no more than seven
64 calendar days after they are completed.

65 **IV. TRMID Requests**

66 BPA makes its TRMID available on its ATC Methodology website. If requested, BPA will
 67 provide a written response within 45 calendar days of receiving a written request for
 68 clarification of its TRMID from any registered entity that demonstrates a reliability need.

69 Requests relating to BPA’s TRM or TRMID should be sent to nercatcstandards@bpa.gov.

70 **V. Version History**

TRMID Revision History			
Version	Date Revised	Description of Changes	Prepared by
1.0	02/13/2012	BPA TRMID FINAL	L. Trolese
2.0	2/12/2013	P. 3 lines 20-22: Updated the components used to establish TRM to Variations in Generation Dispatch and Inertial Frequency. P. 3 lines 27-34: Updated BPA’s practice for Establishing TRM values across the Northern Intertie Path.	L. Wickizer
3.0	1/3/2016	P.3 lines 23-25: Updated BPA’s practice for Establishing TRM values across the Northern Intertie Path S>N P.4 lines 39-48: Added establishing TRM values across the Northern Intertie Path S>N. P. 4 lines 62-69: Updated BPA’s practice for System Operations analyzing and providing TRM value.	L. Proctor
4.0	9/6/2016	P4. Lines 37-45: Clarified section describing the TRM across Northern Intertie S>N due to simultaneous path interactions; added line numbers and page numbers, among other minor formatting adjustments.	M. Olczak
5.0	10/12/2018	Clarification and simplification of BPA’s TRMID document. BPA’s TRM methodology and calculations have not changed.	M. Olczak
6.0	08/14/2019	P3. Lines 20-23 and P4. Lines 47 - 57: TRM information for the West of Garrison E>W path has been incorporated into the document	M. Olczak

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7.0	09/16/2020	<p>P3. Lines 24-27, P4. Lines 62-72: TRM information for the Satsop Injection Path has been incorporated into the document</p> <p>P4. Lines 45 and 59: Clarified that Transmission Operations is responsible for making decisions about how much of the TRM is offered to the market as non-firm</p>	M. Olczak
8.0	10/21/2022	Throughout document: changed "California-Oregon AC Intertie" to "AC Intertie (NWACI)" and "Northern Intertie Total" to "Northern Intertie" to properly reflect these path names; removed capitalization from "path" as this is not an officially defined term in the NERC glossary	M. Olczak
9.0	09/27/2023	<p>p.3, lines 4-6: added that this TRMID also addresses the requirements in NAESB's WEQ-023</p> <p>TRM information for the West of Garrison E>W path has been removed from the document, as technical studies indicate this TRM is no longer needed</p>	M. Olczak
10.0	02/01/2024	<p>Throughout document: removed all references to specific MOD-008 requirements</p> <p>p.3, Purpose section: removed reference to NERC ATC MOD-008</p> <p>p.3, Definitions section: added reference to NAESB's Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Definition of Terms WEQ-000</p> <p>p.3-4, Transmission Reliability Margin Calculation Methodology section: incorporated Components of Uncertainty information into sections covering the TRM methodology for each path</p> <p>p.5, TRMID Requests section: revised to align with requirements of WEQ-023</p>	M. Olczak