# Alberta Reliability Standard Contingency Reserves BAL-STD-002-AB-0



## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this **reliability standard** is to ensure the **ISO** has the **contingency reserve** to meet the requirements of the **western interconnection**.

### 2. Applicability

This reliability standard applies to:

 the ISO which may meet the requirements of BAL-STD-002-AB-0 through participation in a reserve sharing group which the ISO has designated as its agent.

### 3. Requirements

- R1 The **ISO** must calculate and have access to, at a minimum, **contingency reserve** the greater of:
  - (a) an amount equal to the loss of the most severe single contingency; or
  - (b) an amount equal to the sum of 5% of the **load** responsibility served by hydro **generating units** and 7% of the **load** responsibility served by thermal **generating units** based upon data integrated over each clock hour;

except within the first sixty (60) minutes following a **disturbance** resulting from a loss of supply and requiring the activation of **contingency reserves** or except following the deployment of **contingency reserves** during implementation of the **ISO**'s capacity and energy emergency plan.

- R2 The ISO must maintain at least 50% of the contingency reserve required in requirement R1 as spinning reserve.
  - **R2.1** The **ISO** must have access to **spinning reserve** which is capable of fully responding within ten (10) minutes.
- R3 The ISO must have access to **contingency reserve** which is capable of fully responding in ten (10) minutes and includes one or more of the following:
  - (a) spinning reserve;
  - (b) interruptible demand:
  - (c) any interchange transaction designated by the source balancing authority as contingency reserve;
  - (d) contingency reserve that is sourced external to Alberta and that, by agreement, is deliverable to Alberta on firm transmission service:
  - (e) any off-line generating unit which can be synchronized and generating; or
  - (f) during capacity and energy emergencies, load that can be interrupted..



R4 The ISO must continuously calculate the amount of **contingency reserve** available which can be fully activated in the next ten (10) minutes and provide this amount to its real-time operating personnel.

#### 4 Measures

The following measures correspond to the requirements identified in Section 3 of this **reliability standard**. For example, MR1 is the measure for R1.

- MR1 Evidence of calculating and having access to contingency reserves as required in requirement R1 exists. Evidence may include documentation of the methodology of the contingency reserves calculation, ancillary services contracts or a reserve sharing group agreement including a reserve sharing group agent appointment agreement.
- MR2 Evidence of maintaining 50% of the **contingency reserves** as **spinning reserves** as required in requirement R2 exists. Evidence may include records of **dispatches** of **ancillary services** or a **reserve sharing group** agreement including a reserve sharing group agent appointment agreement.
  - MR2.1 Evidence of ensuring spinning reserves are capable of responding as required in requirement R2.1 exists. Evidence may include ISO technical requirements or ancillary services contracts or a reserve sharing group agreement including a reserve sharing group agent appointment agreement.
- MR3 Evidence of ensuring contingency reserves are capable of responding and includes one or more of the contingency reserves as required in requirement R3 exists. Evidence may include technical requirements of contingency reserves, records of ancillary services dispatches or directives, and SCADA data confirming the response of contingency reserve or a reserve sharing group agreement including a reserve sharing group agent appointment agreement.
- MR4 Evidence of calculating the **contingency reserve** and providing it to personnel as required in requirement R4 exists. Evidence may include real-time display of the **contingency reserve** or SCADA data confirming the continuous calculation or a **reserve sharing group** agreement including a reserve sharing group agent appointment agreement.

## 5. Appendices

No appendices have been defined for this **reliability standard**.

### **Revision History**

Effective	Description
2012-10-01	Initial Release