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PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT RULE

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1.0 PURPOSE & SCOPE

This process carries out statutory and regulatory requirements and RRC rules in the development of integrated resource plans (“plan” or “plans”), rules, tariff, and standards (including reliability standards) ensuring the RRC provides reasonable notice and opportunity for public comment, due process, openness, and balancing of interests in exercising its duties. The process also ensures that the integrated resource plans, rules, and standards adopted by the RRC do not grant any person an unreasonable preference or advantage or subject any person to an unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage¹

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Board	RRC Board of Directors
CEO	RRC chief executive officer
RCA	Regulatory Commission of Alaska
RRC	Railbelt Reliability Council

¹ Required for plans, standards, and rules but not tariff filings per AAC 46.460(a)(2).

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3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY PERSONNEL

Title	Responsibilities
Manager	The CEO or their designated RRC employee to manage development of an integrated resource plan, rule, tariff, or standard

4.0 APPLICABILITY

This process applies to the development of (including any material update or revision to) plans, rules, tariff, and standards (individually referred to herein as “a product”, collectively referred to herein as “products”) as indicated and is supplemental to individual processes for development of those products. As RCA regulations at times make certain requirements applicable to some but not all of these “products,” this rule uses the term “products” when the requirement applies to all products, and uses the individual product name(s) when the requirement does not apply to all products. This process will be implemented upon initiation of the development of a product, unless waived under ER9-Rule Amendments Rule for revisions required by an order issued by the RCA².

5.0 INITIATION OF DEVELOPMENT AND RECORD KEEPING

Upon initiation of the development of a product, the CEO or their designated person responsible for developing the product (hereafter the “Manager”) will maintain records with sufficient granularity to support the following:

- The written explanation due under 3 Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 46.110(a)(2)(C) for integrated resource plans, rules, and reliability standards, and
- The report to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) due under 3 AAC 46.460(a)(4)(I) for all products.

The Manager will issue a Notice of Intent to develop a product, in accordance with the Public Notice Rule (ER7). The notice will also be sent electronically to all parties enrolled in the RRC online notification system and sent electronically to all entities registered with the RRC as registered entities. The notice must include:

1. A description of the intended action to develop a product, and the purpose for doing so;

² ³ See ER9 – Rule Amendment Rule, Section 6.0.4

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2. A request that potentially affected parties respond to the notice to identify themselves as such with the RRC;
3. An invitation to the public to comment on the development;
4. A statement that persons interested in participating in the development of a product may petition the RRC in accordance with the Public Participation in a Development Rule (ER5), a timeframe for doing so, and, if any, a description of qualifications specific to the development required to enable effective participation; and
5. The date of the initial RRC meeting to begin the development process and a preliminary schedule and timeline of meetings for the development.

6.0 DURING DEVELOPMENT

Products will be developed in accordance with this process, the Technical Advisory Council Structure and Process (PD-03), and individual processes related to those products, as applicable.

During the development process, the Manager will do the following:

1. Ensure all documents related to the development, including drafts of the development, are posted to the RRC website, subject to the RRC Documents Retention and Access Rule (ER3) and Confidential Documents and Access Rule (ER4);
2. Provide meeting notices in accordance with the Public Meetings Rule (ER6);
3. Handle petitions submitted under the RRC Public Participation in a Development Rule (ER5). As appropriate to the development process, the Manager may appoint working groups and designate membership by approved petitioners; and
4. If additional potentially affected parties are identified at any point in the development process, promptly attempt to contact those parties and ensure they are aware of the development.

Once the product is complete and ready for submission to the Board, the Manager will issue a public notice (1) stating the completed product is available for review on the RRC website (www.akrrc.org) and (2) providing a public comment period.

7.0 PRIOR TO SUBMISSION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

The Manager will evaluate the completed plan, rule, or standard and prepare a statement to the Board that the plan, rule, or standard does not grant any person or entity an unreasonable preference or

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advantage or subject any person or entity to an unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage, as required by 3 AAC 46.460(a)(2).

8.0 SUBMISSION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

When the Manager submits the developed product to the Board for consideration (in accordance with the individual development processes where applicable), the Manager will also provide:

1. For a Plan, Rule, or Standard: the finding that the plan, rule, or standard does not grant any person or entity an unreasonable preference or advantage or subject any person or entity to an unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage, as required by 3 AAC 46.460(a)(2).
2. For a Plan, Rule, or Reliability Standard: the written explanation required under 3 AAC 46.110(a)(2)(C).³
3. For All Products: the report required under 3 AAC 46.460(a)(4)(I). The Manager will compile, from the documentation required in section 5.0 of this rule:
 - i. the input of all persons participating in the development, including accepted participants under ER5 – Public Participation in a Development Rule;
 - ii. all comments submitted in response to the public notice of the development, including comments received by the RRC by electronic mail, via the RRC website, and on paper. Comments made verbally at public meetings of the RRC shall also be included; and
 - iii. the record of and a written explanation of how the interests represented by persons providing input or comments were given due consideration by the RRC during the development process.

9.0 FOLLOWING BOARD APPROVAL

1. For a Plan, Rule, or Reliability Standard: Upon Board approval of and direction to file with the RCA the plan, rule, or reliability standard, a director dissent, if any, will be appended to the

³ This and other requirements in the ERO regulations applies only to reliability standards.

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written explanation required under 3 AAC 46.110(a)(2)(C), and the written explanation will be published with the approved plan, rule, or reliability standard on the RRC website.⁴

2. For a Rule: Upon Board approval and direction to file with the RCA a rule, the board-designated authorized filer will publish a Notice of Filing on the RRC website. The notice must contain the items required in 3 AAC 46.470(d)(6).
3. For a Plan: Upon board approval and direction to file with the RCA a plan, the board-designated authorized filer will, no later than twenty (20) days before filing with the RCA, do the following as required in 3 AAC 46.260(a)(1) and (2):
 - i. Post a Notice of Filing on the RRC website, and
 - ii. Directly notify registered entities of the intent to file.
4. For All Products: The report required under 3 AAC 46.460(a)(4)(I) will be addressed to the RCA and filed, according to RCA regulations, with the submittal requesting approval of the product.

⁴ Regulations require this report and the dissent opportunity for reliability standards, plans, and rules, but not for tariff filings.

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