UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

| North American Electric Reliability |) | Docket No. RD13-9-000 |
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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REGIONAL RELIABILITY STANDARD PRC-006-SPP-01 (UNDERFREQUENCY LOAD SHEDDING)

Pursuant to Rule 216 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC" or the "Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.216 (2012), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") hereby submits this Notice of Withdrawal of its *Joint Petition for Approval of Proposed Regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SPP-01* (Underfrequency Load Shedding), submitted on April 26, 2013 ("Petition").

I. BACKGROUND

In 2007, the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity ("SPP RE") began work on the development of proposed regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SPP-01. During the same time period NERC began revising its continent-wide underfrequency load shedding ("UFLS") Reliability Standard, PRC-006-1. Proposed regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SPP-01 includes Generator Owners as an applicable function and adds specificity not contained in the continent-wide PRC-006-1 with respect to development and implementation of a UFLS scheme in the SPP RE region. Proposed PRC-006-SPP-01 is intended to ensure the development and implementation of an effective Automatic UFLS program for entities in the SPP RE region in

¹ The Commission approved the PRC-006-1 Reliability Standards on May 7, 2012. *Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding and Load Shedding Plans Reliability Standards*, Order No. 763, 139 FERC ¶61,098.

order to preserve the security and integrity of the Bulk-Power System during declining system frequency events.

The NERC Board of Trustees adopted PRC-006-SPP-01 at its November 7, 2012 meeting.² On April 26, 2013, NERC and SPP RE filed the Petition for approval with the Commission. On August 5, 2013, the SPP RE Trustees approved recalling PRC-006-SPP-01 from Commission consideration."). On November 7, 2013, the NERC Board of Trustees approved the withdrawal of its November 7, 2012 adoption of PRC-006-SPP-01.³

II. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Notices and communications with respect to this filing may be addressed to the following:⁴

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See Nov. 7, 2012 Minutes of the Board of Trustees, available at http://www.nerc.com/gov/bot/Agenda%20Minutes%20and%20Highlights%20DL/2012/1d-BOT-1112m.pdf.

See Agenda Item 8f of the Board of Trustees Nov., 7, 2013 meeting, available at http://www.nerc.com/gov/bot/Board%20of%20Trustees%20Quarterly%20Meetings/BOT_1113a_Complete%20(v2).pdf.

Persons to be included on the Commission's service list are identified by an asterisk. NERC respectfully requests a waiver of Rule 203 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 385.203 (2013), to allow the inclusion of more than two persons on the service list in this proceeding.

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III. SUPPORT FOR NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED PRC-006-SPP-01

The SPP RE Automatic UFLS standard, PRC-006-SPP-01, was developed to provide regional UFLS requirements to entities in the SPP RE region. The SPP RE UFLS regional Reliability Standard, as filed, applies to each Generator Owner and Planning Coordinator in the SPP RE region. It also applies to Distribution Providers and Transmission Owners that are responsible for the ownership, operation, or control of UFLS equipment as required by the UFLS program established by the Planning Coordinators. The purpose of proposed PRC-006-SPP-01 is to develop, coordinate and document requirements for automatic UFLS (programs to arrest

declining frequency and assist recovery of frequency following underfrequency events in the SPP RE region.

The current draft of the proposed SPP RE regional Reliability Standard was approved by the SPP RE stakeholders in October of 2011. Since then, the draft of proposed continent-wide Reliability Standard PRC-024-1 was modified during NERC's standard development process such that now, generator trip zones differ between proposed PRC-006-SPP-01 and PRC-024-1. On September 19, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to approve PRC-024-1.⁵ Given the Commission's proposal to approve proposed PRC-024-1, a modification will need to be made so that the generator trip zones in proposed PRC-006-SPP-01 do not conflict with proposed PRC-024-1. Further, all of the requirements that are included in proposed PRC-006-SPP-01 have been incorporated in the UFLS plan that will be adopted by SPP as the Planning Coordinator, which will be enforced by NERC through the Regional Entities (SPP RE, Midwest Reliability Organization, and SERC Reliability Corporation) pursuant to PRC-006-1. Therefore, withdrawal of the proposed PRC-006-SPP-01 will not affect reliability to the SPP system yet will help to prevent a conflict with a proposed continent-wide Reliability Standard. Should the Commission not approve proposed PRC-024-1, SPP RE will reconsider whether the proposed SPP RE regional Reliability Standard is necessary.

CONCLUSION

NERC and SPP RE respectfully withdraw its Petition before the Commission for approval of PRC-006-SPP-01.

⁵ Generator Verification Reliability Standards, 144 FERC ¶61,205 (September 19, 2013).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon all parties listed on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding. Dated at Washington, D.C. this 11th day of December, 2013.

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