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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RM13-7-001

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Stacey Tyrewala
Senior Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Revisions to a Violation Severity Level Assigned to Protection System
Maintenance Reliability Standards.

Dear Ms. Tyrewala:

On June 4, 2014, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a compliance filing seeking approval of a proposed revision to a Violation Severity Level (“VSL”) assigned to Requirement R1 in Protection System Maintenance (“PRC”) Reliability Standard PRC-005-2.

The compliance filing states that the proposed VSL revision to PRC-005-2, provided in Attachment A thereto, is consistent with the Commission’s directive in Order No. 793.

On December 19, 2013, the Commission issued Order No.793, approving Reliability Standard PRC-005-2 – Protection System Maintenance, but directed one change to the VSL assignment in Requirement R1 regarding the failure to include station batteries in a time-based maintenance program, noting that “the level of risk associated with the failure to test a given battery is not an appropriate consideration in the context of assigning violation severity levels, but rather, should be considered when assigning a violation risk factor.” The Commission, therefore, directed NERC to submit a compliance filing changing the VSL for the failure to include station batteries in a time-based maintenance program to “severe.”

NERC requests that the Commission approve the proposed VSL revision for PRC-005-2.

NERC's filing was noticed on July 23, 2014, with comments, interventions and protests due on or before August 13, 2014. The Commission received no filings.

NERC's uncontested filing is hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303, effective as of the date of this Order.

This action shall not be construed as approving any other application, including proposed revisions of Electric Reliability Organization or Regional Entity rules or procedures pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such action shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders that have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the Electric Reliability Organization or any Regional Entity.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

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