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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD14-14-001, RD15-3-001 & RD15-5-001

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Attention: Candice Castaneda
Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Revisions to the Violation Risk Factors for Reliability Standards PRC-004-3, PRC-004-4 and PRC-004-5.

Dear Ms. Castaneda:

On July 7, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition seeking approval of revisions to the violation risk factors (VRF) for Requirements R1 through R6 of Reliability Standards PRC-004-3, PRC-004-4, PRC-004-5 (Protection System Misoperation Identification and Correction). These VRF revisions are consistent with the Commission's May 13, 2015, Order in which the Commission directed NERC to revise the VRFs from 'medium' to 'high'.¹

The Commission directed NERC to submit a compliance filing within 60 days of the issuance of the May 13th Order to revise the VRF designations. Support for these originally filed VRF designations was included in Exhibit F of NERC's petition seeking approval of Reliability Standard PRC-004-3.² Since Reliability Standards PRC-004-4 and PRC-004-5 also adopted the VRFs proposed for PRC-004-3, NERC's compliance filing included revisions to the VRFs for versions 4 and 5 of the standard in accordance

¹ See *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,129, at PP 2 and 20 (2015).

² Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standard PRC-004-3, Docket No. RD14-14-000, Exhibit F at 3-35 (Sept. 15, 2014).

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with the May 13th Order.³

NERC's filing was noticed on July 8, 2015, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before August 7, 2015. No timely interventions, comments or protests were received.

NERC filed supplemental information on the implementation plan for Reliability Standard PRC-004-4, *inter alia*, on October 23, 2015, clarifying that upon the effective date of Reliability Standard PRC-004-5(i), all prior versions of Reliability Standard PRC-004 would be retired. NERC's supplemental filing was noticed on October 27, 2015, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before November 3, 2015. No interventions, comments or protests were received.

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 (2015), 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 (2015).

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

³ See Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standards PRC-004-2.1(i)a, PRC-004-4, PRC-005-2(i), PRC-005-3(i), and VAR-002-4, Docket No. RD15-3-000, at Section V (Feb. 6, 2015); and Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standards PRC-004-5 and PRC-010-02, Docket No. RD15-5-000, Section IV.C. (June 8, 2015).

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