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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and
Western Electricity Coordinating Council for Approval of Retirement of
Regional Reliability Standard PRC-004-WECC-2

Dear Mr. Elstein and Ms. Perotti:

On March 9, 2018, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) filed a joint petition seeking approval of the retirement of regional Reliability Standard PRC-004-WECC-2 (Protection System and Remedial Action Scheme Misoperation). On February 11, 2019, NERC and WECC filed a joint supplemental petition revising the proposed retirement effective date of the regional Reliability Standard to January 1, 2021.

NERC and WECC state that continent-wide Reliability Standards have been developed since the initial development of the regional Reliability Standard, thereby making the regional Reliability Standard redundant and no longer necessary for reliability. In particular, Reliability Standard PRC-012-2 (Remedial Action Schemes), approved by the Commission in Order No. 837, contains requirements for remedial action scheme analysis.¹ Reliability Standard PRC-012-2 will become effective in the United

¹ *Remedial Action Schemes Reliability Standard*, 160 FERC ¶ 61,071 (2017).

States on January 1, 2021. According to NERC and WECC, the regional Reliability Standard may therefore be retired at that time with no adverse effect on reliability.²

NERC's filing was noticed on March 15, 2018, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before April 16, 2018. Southern California Edison filed a timely motion to intervene, raising no issues. NERC's supplemental filing was noticed on February 12, 2019, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before March 4, 2019. No comments were received.

NERC's uncontested filings are hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303 (2018), 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 (2018)

Sincerely,

Andrew Dodge, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

² Joint Supplemental Petition at 2.

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