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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability
Corporation
Docket No. RD13-10-000

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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: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for
Approval of the NERC Glossary Terms “Bulk-Power System,” “Reliable
Operation,” and “Reliability Standard”

Dear Ms. Tyrewala:

In Order No. 693, the Commission approved 83 of 107 proposed Reliability Standards, six of the eight proposed regional differences, and the Glossary of Terms Used in Reliability Standards (Glossary) developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).¹ In addition, the Commission directed NERC, *inter alia*, to modify the glossary through the Reliability Standards development process to include the statutory definitions of the terms Bulk-Power System, Reliable Operation and Reliability Standard, as set forth in section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).²

¹ *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, Order No. 693, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242, *order on reh’g*, Order No. 693-A, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2007).

² Order No. 693, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242 at P 1894) (“[t]he Commission directs the ERO to modify the glossary through the Reliability Standards development process to include the statutory definitions of the terms Bulk-Power System, Reliable Operation and Reliability Standard”).

On May 10, 2013, NERC submitted a petition for approval of the NERC glossary terms Bulk-Power System, Reliable Operation, and Reliability Standard in response to the directives in Order No. 693, paragraph 1894.

In its May 10, 2013 petition, NERC proposes to add the three statutory definitions with minor modifications that are fully consistent with section 215 of the FPA and the recognized need for international agreements with the governments of Canada and Mexico to provide for effective compliance with Reliability Standards and the effectiveness of the Electric Reliability Organization in the United States and Canada or Mexico.³

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. §375.307, your uncontested petition is approved, effective as of the date of this Order.

The filing was noticed on May 10, 2013, with comments, interventions and protests due on or before May 31, 2013. Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2012)), to the extent that any timely filed motions to intervene and any motion to intervene out-of-time were filed before the issuance date of this order, such interventions are granted. Granting late interventions at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No protests were filed.

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

³ Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of the NERC Glossary Terms “Bulk-Power System,” “Reliable Operation,” and “Reliability Standard,” Docket No. RD13-10-000 (May 10, 2013) at 8.