

NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER of reliability standards VAR-001, VAR-002 and SECTION 119(1) of the *Electricity Act*, SNB 2013 c.7.

ORDER

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board) has received an Application and evidence (Application) from the New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) pursuant to the *Energy and Utilities Board Act*, S.N.B. c. E-9.18 the *Electricity Act* S.N.B. 2013 c. 7 and pursuant to *Regulation 2013-66*, being the *Reliability Standards Regulation-Electricity Act* seeking the following approval:

- (a) an Order;
 - (1) approving modifications of Board approved reliability standard VAR-001-3 by approving new version VAR-001-4 and NB Appendix VAR-001-4-NB-0;
 - (2) approving retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard VAR-001-3;
 - (3) approving modifications of Board approved reliability standard VAR-002-2b by approving new version VAR-002-3 and NB Appendix VAR-002-3-NB-0; and
 - (4) approving retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard VAR-002-2b,
- (b) an Order varying a decision of the Board dated June 11, 2014 (Matter 245) removing the condition associated with Board's approval of the Corporation's request to withdraw proposed modifications to reliability standard VAR-001-2; and

- (c) orders and/or directions with respect to such other matters as the Board sees fit.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation-Electricity Act* the Board is required to notify all registered entities, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the standards body and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) as the compliance body, of this Application;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation-Electricity Act* the Board is required to post the Application on its website;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A copy of the Application shall be posted on the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca commencing no later than Friday October 3, 2014 in both English and French;
2. Notices, in both English and French, in the form attached hereto and marked "A" are to be provided by Board staff to all registered entities, NERC and NPCC on or before Friday October 3, 2014;
3. Notices, in both English and French, in the form attached hereto and marked "A" are to be posted on the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca commencing no later than Friday October 3, 2014 and shall remain posted until at least Tuesday, December 2, 2014;
4. Written comments on the Application are to be received in the Board's offices on or before Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Written comments can be emailed to general@nbeub.ca or by using the contact information below. Please refer to Matter No. 268 in your correspondence.

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5. Pursuant to section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation-Electricity Act*, the Board shall approve the requested Application if:
- (a) if modifications recommended by NB Power are not substantively different from revisions approved by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the United States of America (FERC) to the equivalent reliability standards; and
 - (b) if, during the comment period, there are no substantive comments received from a registered entity, the standards body or the compliance body.
6. Also pursuant to section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation-Electricity Act* the Board shall the Board shall retire a reliability standard if the application indicates the date on which the FERC approved the retirement of the equivalent standard and if the comments received by the Board are not substantive.
7. If the requested modifications or comments are substantive, a hearing shall be held by the Board in respect of the Application.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this 3rd day of October, 2014

BY THE BOARD



Kathleen Mitchell
Chief Clerk