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**Re: Notice of Delay of TFE Procedures for CIP Version 5 Reliability Standards**

Dear Mr. Erickson:

On January 21, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) issued a letter order approving revisions to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s (“NERC”) Rules of Procedure (“ROP”), effective April 1, 2016. Among other things, the revisions included modifications to Appendix 4D of the ROP to ensure that the procedures for Technical Feasibility Exceptions (“TFE”) in the ROP were consistent with the cybersecurity Critical Infrastructure Protection (“CIP”) Reliability Standards approved in FERC Order No. 791, often referred to as the CIP version 5 standards. NERC requested an April 1, 2016 effective date for the ROP revisions to align the effective date for those ROP changes with the April 1, 2016 effective date of the CIP version 5 standards. On February 25, 2016, however, FERC granted an extension of time for implementing the CIP version 5 standards until July 1, 2016. To that end, NERC hereby provides notice that it will not implement the revised TFE procedures applicable to the CIP version 5 standards until July 1, 2016. NERC will continue to apply the TFE procedures in currently-effective Appendix 4D through June 30, 2016.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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