



DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by New Brunswick Power Corporation pursuant to the *Electricity Act* and with respect to Reliability Standards INT-001, INT-003, INT-004, INT-005, INT-006, INT-007, INT-008, INT-009, INT-010, and INT-011 (Matter No. 263)

November 28, 2014

NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

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NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD:

Member:	Patrick Ervin
Chief Clerk:	Kathleen Mitchell
Board Counsel:	Ellen Desmond

APPLICANT:

New Brunswick Power Corporation

INTERVENERS:

There were no interveners

A. Introduction

- [1] On August 29, 2014, the New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) filed an application and supporting evidence (Application) with the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board). The Application is filed pursuant to subsection 119(1) of the *Electricity Act*, S.N.B. 2013, c. 7 (Act) and the *New Brunswick Regulation 2013-66* under the *Electricity Act (Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act)*.
- [2] Further to an Order of the Board dated September 11, 2014 (Order), the Board posted the Application and Notice of this Matter 263 on the Board’s website.
- [3] The registered entities, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council Inc. (NPCC) were notified electronically of the Order and the Notice of this Matter 263. The parties were invited to submit written comments. The comment period concluded on November 11, 2014. The Board received no comments from any registered entities, NERC, or NPCC.
- [4] This Application seeks the approval of the Board of the following:
- a. modifications of Board approved reliability standard INT-004-2 by approving new version INT-004-3 and NB Appendix INT-004-3-NB-0,
 - b. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-004-2,
 - c. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-001-3,
 - d. modifications of Board approved reliability standard INT-006-3 by approving new version INT-006-4 and NB Appendix INT-006-4-NB-0,
 - e. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-006-3,
 - f. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-007-1 and NB Appendix INT-007-1-NB-0,

- g. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-008-3,
- h. modifications of Board approved reliability standard INT-009-1 by approving new version INT-009-2 and NB Appendix INT-009-2-NB-0,
- i. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-009-1,
- j. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-003-3,
- k. modifications of Board approved reliability standard INT-010-1 by approving new version INT-010-2 and NB Appendix INT-010-2-NB-0,
- l. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-010-1,
- m. reliability standard INT-011-1 and NB Appendix INT-011-1-NB-0,
- n. retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard INT-005-3, and
- o. orders and/or directions with respect to such other matters as the Board sees fit.

[5] The Chairperson has directed one member of the Board to deal with this Matter 263 pursuant section 5 of the *New Brunswick Regulation 2007-4* under the *Energy and Utilities Board Act*.

B. Approval of Reliability Standards

[6] Section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* directs the Board to approve a reliability standard, together with any non-substantive modifications, as contemplated by subsection 8(3), which provides:

8(3) As soon as practicable after the expiry of the comment period under subsection (2), the Board shall approve a reliability standard, together with any non-substantive modifications that it considers appropriate,

(a) if the Corporation made no recommendation in the application under subsection 7(2) for any substantive modification to the reliability standard as approved by FERC, and

(b) if, during the comment period under subsection (2), there were no substantive comments submitted to the Board by a registered entity, the standards body or the compliance body.

[7] In this case, NB Power submits that reliability standard INT-011-1 with the proposed modifications as contained in NB Appendix INT-011-1-NB-0 is not substantively different from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the United States of America (FERC) approved reliability standard. The Board finds that the proposed modifications are not substantively different.

[8] Section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* directs the Board to approve modifications to an approved reliability standard, as contemplated by subsection 8(4), which provides:

8(4) As soon as practicable after the expiry of the comment period under subsection (2), the Board shall approve modifications to an approved reliability standard that are recommended by the Corporation in an application under subsection 7(3) or paragraph 7(5)(a)

(a) if the recommended modifications are not substantively different from revisions approved by FERC to the equivalent reliability standard, and

(b) if, during the comment period under subsection (2), there were no substantive comments submitted to the Board by a registered entity, the standards body or the compliance body.

[9] In this case, NB Power submits that the modifications to reliability standards INT-004-2, INT-006-3, INT-009-1, and INT-010-1 are not substantively different from revisions approved by FERC to the equivalent reliability standards. The Board finds that the proposed modifications are not substantively different.

[10] Section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* directs the Board to retire an approved reliability standard as contemplated by subsection 8(5), which provides:

8(5) As soon as practicable after the expiry of the comment period under subsection (2), the Board shall retire an approved reliability standard

(a) if the application under subsection 7(4) or paragraph 7(5)(b) indicates the date on which FERC approved the retirement of the equivalent reliability standard, and

(b) if, during the comment period under subsection (2), there were no substantive comments submitted to the Board by a registered entity, the standards body or the compliance body.

[11] In this case, NB Power provides the date on which FERC approved the retirement of INT-004-2, INT-001-3, INT-006-3, INT-007-1, INT-008-3, INT-009-1, INT-003-3, INT-010-1, and INT-005-3.

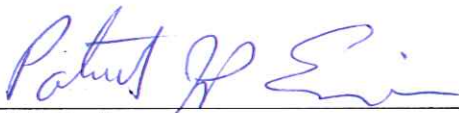
C. Conclusion

[12] The Board has carefully considered the Application and the revised evidence and is satisfied that the requirements of the Act and the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* have been met. The Board finds that the approval, modifications and retirements of the reliability standards are both warranted and appropriate.

[13] The Application is approved as requested.

Dated in Saint John, New Brunswick, this 28 day of November, 2014.

New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board



Patrick Ervin
Member