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By email: stacey.tyrewala@nerc.net

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Dear Ms. Tyrewala:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation - Quarterly Application for Approval of Reliability Standards – 3rd Quarter, 2013 - NERC-R-13(3) / M06011

The Board has reviewed the following North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) filing:

- 3rd Quarter 2013 dated November 26, 2013 (M06011)

The Board understands that NERC is requesting approval of five reliability standards as noted in the attached Appendix “A” and updated Glossary of Terms. The reliability standards for which approval is being sought have gone through NERC’s internal approval process and are also approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the USA.

The Board requested comments from the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (“NPCC”) and Nova Scotia Power Inc. (“NSPI”). No comments were received from NPCC.

In its December 17, 2013 letter to the Board, NSPI noted that the five standards referenced Violation Severity Levels (“VSLs”) and Violation Risk Factors (“VRFs”). In its July 20, 2011 decision, the Board stated:

[33] Upon reviewing the VRFs and VSLs filed by NERC, the Board recognizes that they provide guidance in the determination of potential consequences arising from non-compliance with the Standards and Criteria. The Board accepts the VRFs and VSLs as guidance in the event the Board is required to review matters of compliance in future; however, the Board agrees with NSPI that formal approval of the VRFs and VSLs is not required at this time.

NSPI requested, and the Board agrees, that approval of the five standards not extend to approval of the VRFs and VSLs. NSPI otherwise supported approval of the five standards.

With regard to the updated definitions, NSPI said:

With respect to NERC's request for approval of the updated Definitions within the Glossary of Terms, the Company supports the Board's approval of the Bulk-Power System definition.

With regard to the other two Definitions, the Company notes these are unchanged from the Definitions approved by the Board in its 2nd Quarter decision letter dated October 4, 2013. As such, it does not appear that further approval is required.

The Board, after review of the application and related submissions, approves the requested reliability standards which are listed in Attachment "A" and updated Glossary of Terms with the following exception:

1. References to VSLs and VRFs in the subject standards shall be excluded from this approval and are considered for guidance only.

Yours truly,



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ATTACHMENT 'A'

LIST OF STANDARDS REQUESTED FOR APPROVAL

Reliability Standard	Description	NERC Effective Date	Application Date
Modeling, Data, and Analysis (MOD) Standard			
MOD-028-2	Area Interchange Methodology	10/1/2013	11/26/2013
Facilities Design, Connections, and Maintenance (FAC) Standards			
FAC-001-1*	Facility Connection Requirements	11/25/2013 – Effective date for Transmission Owners January 1, 2015- Effective date for Generator Owners	11/26/2013
FAC-003-3*	Transmission Vegetation Management	7/1/2014 - Effective date for Transmission Owners For Generator Owners, R3 is effective on January 1, 2015 and all other Requirements (R1, R2, R4, R5, R6, R7) are effective on January 1, 2016	11/26/2013
Protection and Control (PRC) Standards			
PRC-004-2.1a*	Analysis and Mitigation of Transmission and Generation Protection System Misoperations	11/25/2013	11/26/2013
PRC-005-1.1b*	Transmission and Generation Protection System Maintenance and Testing	11/25/2013	11/26/2013

Notes:

- 1) Items marked with "*" were not mandatorily effective at the time of filing with the Board, but had been approved by FERC with the future mandatory effective date indicated.