



## Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

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Dear Ms. Perotti:

**M09386 – North American Electric Reliability Corporation – Quarterly Application for Approval of Reliability Standards – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 – NERC-R-19**

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 dated August 28, 2019 (M09386)

The Board understands that NERC is requesting approval of one revised Reliability Standard as noted in the attached Appendix 'A'. The Reliability Standard for which approval is being sought has gone through NERC's internal approval process. The Reliability Standard has also been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) of the USA. NERC is also requesting approval of two revisions to the Glossary of Terms, and the retirement of one Reliability Standard.

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

In its October 11, 2019, letter to the Board, NS Power recommended that the revised standard be approved and recommended the date for it to be made effective in Nova Scotia. NS Power also recommended that the prior version of the standard be retired. Lastly, NS Power recommended that the revisions to the Glossary of Terms be approved. The Board accepts NS Power's recommendations and they are incorporated in Appendix 'A'.

As with past submissions, Board approval of the Reliability Standards does not extend to approval of associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs).

The Board, after reviewing the Application and related submissions, approves the revised Reliability Standard and the retirement of the related Reliability Standard as listed in Appendix 'A', and the revisions to the Glossary of Terms, subject to the following condition:

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

Yours truly,



Roberta J. Clarke, Q.C.  
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APPENDIX 'A'

**LIST OF STANDARDS REQUESTED FOR APPROVAL**

<b>Reliability Standard</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>NERC Effective Date (m/d/y)</b>	<b>Nova Scotia Effective Date (m/d/y)</b>
<b>Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standards</b>			
CIP-008-6*	Cyber Security — Incident Reporting and Response Planning	1/1/2021	7/1/2021

Notes:

1. Standards marked with "\*" were not yet effective (NERC effective date) at the time of filing with the Board but had been approved by FERC with the future mandatory effective date indicated.

**LIST OF RETIRED STANDARDS**

<b>Reliability Standard</b>	<b>Nova Scotia Retirement Date (m/d/y)</b>
CIP-008-5	7/1/2021