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North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RD16-7-000

June 23, 2016

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Shamai Elstein  
Senior Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for  
Approval of Six NERC Glossary Definitions and Request for Shortened  
Response Period and Expedited Action

Dear Mr. Elstein:

On June 2, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition for Commission approval, pursuant to section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)<sup>1</sup> and Section 39.5 of the Commission's regulations<sup>2</sup>, of proposed revised definitions of the following six terms in the *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards* (Glossary):

Reporting ACE, Actual Frequency, Actual Net Interchange, Scheduled Net Interchange (NIS), Interchange Meter Error (IME), and Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC), collectively referred to as "Proposed Definitions".

NERC also seeks approval of the proposed implementation plan and the retirement of the currently-effective definitions. NERC submitted an errata to this petition on June 3, 2016, to correct an inadvertent formatting error in the petition.

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824o (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 39.5 (2015).

NERC initially filed the proposed definitions in Docket No. RM16-13-000, along with proposed Reliability Standards BAL-005-1 and FAC-001-3.<sup>3</sup> In that docket, NERC requested that the proposed definitions become effective upon the previously approved effective date of Reliability Standard BAL-001-2, which is July 1, 2016.<sup>4</sup>

Concerned that the Commission may not have enough time to issue an order on the petition in Docket No. RM16-13-000 before July 1, 2016, NERC made a filing to withdraw the definitions from that petition on June 2, 2016 and filed this petition. NERC requested expedited action on the proposed definitions in Docket No. RD16-7-000.

NERC states in its petition that the proposed revised definitions “reduc[e] potential confusion associated with definitions embedded within a term.”<sup>5</sup> NERC also asserts that the proposed revised definition of Reporting ACE will satisfy the Commission directive in the Order No. 810.<sup>6</sup>

NERC’s filing was noticed on June 3, 2016, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before June 17, 2016. No interventions, comments or protests were received.

NERC’s uncontested petition is hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303 (2015), effective as of July 1, 2016.<sup>7</sup>

This action shall not be construed as approving any other application, including proposed revisions of Electric Reliability Organization or Regional Entity rules or procedures pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such action shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders that have been or may hereafter be made by

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<sup>3</sup> Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standards BAL-005-1 and FAC-001-3, Docket No. RM16-13-000 (filed April 20, 2016).

<sup>4</sup> *Real Power Balancing Control Performance Reliability Standard*, Order No. 810, 151 FERC ¶ 61,048 at P 43 (2015).

<sup>5</sup> Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Six NERC Glossary Definitions and Request for Shortened Response Period and Expedited Action, Docket No. RD16-7-000, at 9 (filed June 2, 2016).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> NERC requested an effective date that is concurrent with the effective date of Reliability Standard BAL-001-2, which is July 1, 2016. NERC June 2 Petition at 4.

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the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the Electric Reliability Organization or any Regional Entity.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2015).

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability

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