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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD10-12-000

February 2, 2011

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Attention: Rebecca J. Michael, Attorney

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Interpretation to Reliability Standard CIP-005-1, Cyber Security, Electronic Security Perimeter(s), Section 4.2.2 and Requirement R1.3.

Dear Ms. Michael:

1. On April 21, 2010, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a filing seeking FERC approval of an interpretation of Reliability Standards CIP-005-1, Section 4.2.2 and Requirement R1.3.
2. NERC submitted its filing is in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 39.5 and Section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act, which allows the Electric Reliability Organization to file a modification to a reliability standard with FERC for approval. No modification to the language contained in this specific requirement is being proposed through the interpretation. The filing consists of the developed interpretation, the Reliability Standards CIP-005-2a and CIP-005-3a which include the appended interpretation, a complete development record of the interpretation, and a roster of the interpretation development team. This interpretation was approved by the NERC Board on February 16, 2010.
3. This interpretation was approved by the NERC Board of Trustees February 16, 2010. The interpretation requested clarification of Reliability Standard CIP-005 — Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s), Applicability Section 4.2.2 and Requirement R1.3.

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4. Notice of this filing was issued on April 22, 2010, with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before May 12, 2010. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motions to intervene are governed by the provisions of Rule 214. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

5. NERC's uncontested filing is approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303.

6. This action shall not be construed as accepting any other contingency plan pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(1)(i) or any other data or report pursuant to C.F.R. § 375.303(b)(3)(iv). This action shall not be construed as approving any other application including Electric Reliability Organization or Regional Entity Rules or procedures pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such acceptance or approval shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance or approval is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or which may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now or pending or hereafter instituted by or against NERC.

7. 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.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. McClelland, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

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