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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

ATTN: Mr. Joseph H. McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability

Re: April 12, 2011 Data Request to North American Electric Reliability Corporation Regarding
Proposed Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards, Version 4
FERC Docket No. RM11-11-000

Dear Mr. McClelland:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) respectfully submits this request for an extension of time to respond to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC” or the “Commission”) April 12, 2011 Request for Data regarding NERC’s proposed Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards Version 4 (“Data Request”). In the Data Request, FERC granted NERC forty-five days to respond to the Commission’s questions.

NERC has reviewed the Data Request and proposes to respond to the Commission’s questions in two parts. NERC will respond to questions 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, and 12 within the forty-five days provided to NERC in the Data Request, or by May 27, 2011.

However, in order to provide an adequate response to questions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9, NERC will require additional input from the NERC registered entities. NERC anticipates developing an industry survey based on the Data Request questions to solicit the data requested

by the Commission. In order to develop the survey, provide adequate time for registered entities to respond, and analyze the responses received so that NERC can provide a comprehensive response to the Commission, NERC will require an additional forty-five days to respond to these questions. Accordingly, NERC is respectfully requesting a forty-five day extension (a total of 90 days from the date of issuance of the Data Request, or until July 11, 2011) to respond to questions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 in the Data request.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

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