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Dear Parties:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation – Board Process for Review of Quarterly Applications for Approval of Reliability Standards – NERC-R-11 – Matter No. M05027

In its letter of April 10, 2012, the Board set out a timeline to be followed in its review of three quarterly filings from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"), requesting approval of Reliability Standards and Glossary of Terms. The Board's letter was addressed to NERC, Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. ("NPCC") and Nova Scotia Power Inc. ("NSPI"). Timeline items included provision for Information Requests ("IRs") and responses, submissions from NSPI and NPCC, and rebuttal from NERC. There were no IRs issued by any party. The only submission, from NSPI, supported approval of the standards. NERC rebuttal was consequently not necessary. In its June 8, 2012 letter to NERC, the Board approved the reliability standards as filed.

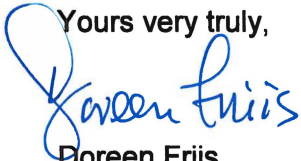
Given the apparent understanding and cooperation among the parties, the Board believes the approval process can be further streamlined. For all further quarterly filings, including the first quarter 2012 application currently being reviewed, the Board proposes the following procedure be followed upon receipt of a filing:

1. The Board will notify NPCC and NSPI, with a copy to NERC, that a filing has been received and is available for review on the Board's website;
2. NPCC and NSPI will have 10 business days to comment on the filing in writing, copied to the other parties;
3. If any comments are received, the Board will make a determination as to whether or not a more rigorous review is necessary and will notify the parties accordingly;
4. If no comments are received or the Board decides further review is not required, the Board will issue its Decision.

The Board would appreciate your comments or suggestions on the above by Wednesday, July 4, 2012.

The Board Member assigned to this matter is Roberta J. Clarke.

Yours very truly,



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