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Dear Ms. Godbout:

**M05554 – North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Quarterly Application for Approval of Reliability Standards: 4th Quarter, 2012**

The Board has reviewed your letter of September 27, 2013 which was a follow up to your letter of April 26, 2013 in which you proposed to file with the Board by September 30, 2013 NSPI's position regarding the NERC definition of the Bulk Electric System ("BES").

This matter was reviewed by Board member Roberta J. Clarke, Q.C.

In your September 27 letter you noted that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") has granted the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's motion to extend the effective date of the BES definition to July 1, 2014, to allow time to refine the definition. You stated that NSPI will monitor the progress of this issue and you proposed that once the BES definition is finalized and effective before FERC, you would make a submission to the Board regarding the six items noted in your April 26 letter.

The Board agrees with this approach and asks that NSPI keep the Board apprised of any relevant developments or changes in the timeline.

Yours truly,

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