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RE: *North American Electric Reliability Corporation*

Dear Ms. Friis:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") hereby submits Notice of Filing of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation of Amendments to the Northeast Power Coordinating Council Regional Standard Processes Manual. NERC requests, to the extent necessary, a waiver of any applicable filing requirements with respect to this filing.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC )  
RELIABILITY CORPORATION )**

**NOTICE OF FILING OF THE  
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION OF  
AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTHEAST POWER COORDINATING COUNCIL  
REGIONAL STANDARD PROCESSES MANUAL**

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The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby provides notice of the revised Northeast Power Coordinating Council (“NPCC”) Regional Standard Processes Manual (“RSPM”).<sup>1</sup> The NPCC RSPM is a “Regional Entity Rule.”<sup>2</sup>

As described in greater detail in Section II of this filing, NPCC made several revisions to its RSPM to align with the NERC Standard Processes Manual errata process, clarify the intent of language, and remove outdated references.

**Attachments 1 and 2** to this filing are clean and redlined versions, respectively, of the proposed revised NPCC RSPM.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise designated, all capitalized terms shall have the meaning set forth in the *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards*, [https://www.nerc.com/files/Glossary\\_of\\_Terms.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/files/Glossary_of_Terms.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Regional Entity standard development procedures are no longer maintained as an exhibit to the Regional Delegation Agreements. NERC maintains an up-to-date copy of each Regional Entity’s standard development procedure on its website at: <http://www.nerc.com/AboutNERC/Pages/Regional-Entity-Delegation-Agreements.aspx>.

## **I. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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## **II. PROPOSED NPCC RSPM**

The currently effective version of the NPCC RSPM, Version 1, was submitted on September 23, 2014. Appendix C of the NPCC RSPM provides that the RSPM will be reviewed for possible revision at least once every five years or more frequently, if needed. Consistent with this provision, NPCC reviewed its RSPM in 2019 and made a number of revisions to update the document.

Most substantively, NPCC revised Section 8 of its RSPM regarding the process for correcting errata in a regional Reliability Standard. Specifically, NPCC revised the process so that the NPCC Regional Standards Committee approves errata for regional Reliability Standards that already received NPCC Board of Directors approval. In Version 1 of the NPCC RSPM, the errata approval would go to the NPCC Board of Directors. This change in Version 2 aligns the NPCC process for correcting errata more closely with the NERC Standard Processes Manual Section 12 process for correcting errata.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, NPCC made other clarifying changes within Section 8 of its RSPM.

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<sup>3</sup> The NERC Standard Processes Manual is available at [https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/RuleOfProcedureDL/SPM\\_Clean\\_Mar2019.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/RuleOfProcedureDL/SPM_Clean_Mar2019.pdf).

NPCC's review also resulted in several clarifying changes throughout the NPCC RSPM. NPCC updated links and references to documents that were outdated, among others. These minor changes appear in redline in **Attachment 2** of this filing.

### **III. NPCC AND NERC APPROVALS FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

The revised NPCC RSPM was posted on the NPCC website for regional ballot body comments from September 11, 2019 through October 26, 2019. An extended ballot period was conducted from December 17, 2019 through February 25, 2020. The revised RSPM achieved 96% approval with 81.65% quorum and received no negative ballots with comments. In accordance with NPCC RSPM, STEP 2.5.B.2, the revised NPCC RSPM was approved by the NPCC Board of Directors on May 6, 2020.

The NPCC RSPM was posted on the NERC website for industry stakeholder comment from June 15, 2020 through July 29, 2020. There were two sets of responses received, both indicating that the NPCC RSPM continues to meet the criteria to be open, inclusive, balanced, and transparent and to provide for due process. The NERC Board of Trustees approved the amendments to the NPCC RSPM at its August 20, 2020 meeting.

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