

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD12-6-000

December 12, 2012

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
1325 G Street N.W., Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Willie L. Phillips
Attorney for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Approval of Interpretation to Reliability Standard CIP-004

Dear Mr. Phillips:

On August 1, 2012, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a petition proposing to approve an Interpretation of Requirements R2, R3, and R4 to Reliability Standard CIP-004-4.

The proposed interpretation clarifies that all cyber access must be authorized, and all authorized cyber access requires compliance with Requirements R2, R3, and R4 of CIP-004-4.

Notice of this filing was issued on August 2, 2012, with protests and interventions due on or before August 22, 2012.

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. No protests were filed.

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, effective as of the date of this Order.

This action shall not be construed as approving any other application, including proposed revisions of Electric Reliability Organization or Regional Entity rules or procedures pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such action shall not be deemed as

recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders that have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the Electric Reliability Organization or any Regional Entity.

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,

Michael Bardee, Director
Office of Electric Reliability