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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD13-11-000

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Attention: William H. Edwards
Attorney for North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)

Reference: Petition for Approval of Proposed Regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-02 and Reliability Standard BAL-001-1

Dear Mr. Edwards:

On August 20, 2013, NERC and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) filed a joint petition (Petition) seeking approval of proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-01(Automatic Time Error Correction) and proposed Reliability Standard BAL-001-1 (Real Power Balancing Control Performance) in response to Order No. 723.¹ The petition states that the purpose of proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-02 is to maintain Interconnection frequency and to ensure that Time Error Corrections and Primary Inadvertent Interchange payback are effectively conducted in a manner that does not adversely affect the reliability of the Interconnection, and that the purpose of proposed Reliability Standard BAL-001-1 is to maintain Interconnection steady-state frequency within defined limits by balancing power demand and supply in real-time.²

In Order No. 723, the Commission directed NERC and WECC: (1) to develop revisions to currently-effective regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-1, Requirement R1.2, to specify what circumstances trigger the actions required by that

¹ *Western Electricity Coordinating Council Regional Reliability Standard Regarding Automatic Time Error Correction*, Order No.723, 127 FERC ¶ 61,176 (2009).

² Petition at 3.

Requirement³; and (2) to develop a modification to regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-1 consistent with WECC's and NERC's explanation that the limit set forth in Requirement R2, regarding "24 hours per calendar quarter," is an accumulated total for the period.⁴ The petition states that WECC modified regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-01 in compliance with these directives. The petition further states that, to effectively address the Commission's directives and improve the regional Reliability Standard, the standard drafting team elected to move the WECC Area Control Error (ACE), which incorporates the Automatic Time Error Correction (ATEC) equations, to a regional variance in the continent-wide Reliability Standard BAL-001-0.1a (i.e., to the proposed Reliability Standard BAL-001-1).⁵

The petition seeks approval of proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-2 and proposed Reliability Standard BAL-001-1, the associated implementation plan, and proposed Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels. The petition also seeks approval to add a new definition to the NERC Glossary of Terms that is only applicable to the Western Interconnection, "Automatic Time Error Correction," and to revise the continent-wide definition of "Area Control Error." The petition further seeks to retire the currently-effective regional Reliability Standard BAL-004-WECC-1, Reliability Standard BAL-001-0.1a, and its associated Appendix 2 interpretation, the Appendix 1 interpretation of Requirement R3 in Reliability Standard BAL-003-0.1b (Frequency Response and Bias), and the current continent-wide definition of "Area Control Error" and the WECC regional definition of "Area Control Error."

NERC's filing was noticed on August 28, 2013, with comments, interventions and protests due on or before September 17, 2013. No comments or protests were filed.

NERC's uncontested filing is hereby 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

³ Order No. 723, 127 FERC ¶ 61,176 at P 30.

⁴ *Id.* P 34.

⁵ Petition at 3.

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