

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RR10-13-001

February 2, 2011

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
1120 G Street N.W., Suite 990  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3801

Attention: Rebecca J. Michael, Attorney

Reference: Compliance Filing of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation regarding 2011 Business Plans and Budgets

Dear Ms. Michael:

1. On December 17, 2010, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a compliance filing in response to the Commission's October 21, 2010 Order conditionally accepting the 2011 Business Plans and Budgets of NERC, the eight Regional Entities and the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body.
2. NERC documents and explains that the organizational changes that were referenced in the Commission's October 21, 2010 Order primarily involve the realignment of certain departments and cost centers under different senior leadership, while maintaining the integrity of the cost accounting and reporting of those departments consistent with the 2010 budget. NERC asserts that all departmental activities will continue to support NERC's statutory responsibilities.<sup>1</sup> NERC's filing makes several additional clarifications with regard to perceived inconsistencies from the original 2011 budget order. Finally, NERC has provided additional information with regard to the number of outstanding Reliability Standards violations through November 30, 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> NERC Compliance Filing at pg 3.

3. Notice of this filing was issued on December 21, 2010 with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before January 7, 2011. 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). Any opposed or untimely filed motions to intervene are governed by the provisions of Rule 214. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

4. NERC's uncontested filing is accepted pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303.

5. This action shall not be construed as accepting any other contingency plan pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(1)(i) or any other data or report pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(b)(3)(iv). This action shall not be construed as approving any other application including Electric Reliability Organization or Regional Entity Rules or procedures pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such acceptance or approval shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance or approval is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or which may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now or pending or hereafter instituted by or against NERC.

6. 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,

Joseph H. McClelland, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability

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