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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation Docket No. RD18-1-000

September 5, 2018

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

- Attention:Shamai ElsteinSenior Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation
- Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Western Electricity Coordinating Council for Approval of Retirement of Regional Reliability Standard VAR-002-WECC-2

Dear Mr. Elstein:

On March 7, 2018, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) filed a joint petition seeking approval of retirement of regional Reliability Standard VAR-002-WECC-2 (Automatic Voltage Regulators). NERC and WECC requested approval of the retirement effective date as of the date of regulatory approval. NERC and WECC state that experience with regional Reliability Standard VAR-002-WECC-2 has shown that the reliability-related issues addressed in the regional Reliability Standard are adequately addressed by the continent-wide Voltage and Reactive (VAR) Reliability Standards and that retention of the regional Reliability Standard would not provide additional benefits for reliability.¹

NERC's filing was noticed on March 12, 2018, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before April 11, 2018. Southern California Edison filed a timely motion to intervene, raising no issues.

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 (2017),

¹ Petition at 1.

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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.

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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 (2017).

Sincerely,

David Ortiz, Acting Director Office of Electric Reliability

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