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North American Electric Reliability Corporation Princeton Forrestal Village 116 390 Village Boulevard Princeton New Jersey 08540-5731 USA

Attention: David Cook Vice President and General Counsel

RE: Proposed Merger of North American Reliability Council ("Council") with and into North American Reliability Corporation ("NERC")

This letter is provided at the request of NERC for the purposes of the Council and NERC satisfying a Condition to Closing in an Agreement and Plan of Merger between the Council and NERC, that NERC shall either have executed Memoranda of Understanding with or received at least equivalent forms of recognition from five of eight Canadian Provinces, one of which eight Provinces is Alberta.

The Alberta Department of Energy hereby:

- 1. acknowledges that:
  - a. under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 of the United States ("U.S. Act") the Electric Reliability Organization ("ERO") means the organization certified by the United States Federal Regulatory Commission ("FERC") under that Act the purposes of which organization is to establish and enforce reliability standards for the bulk-power system,
  - b. on or about July 20, 2006 NERC was certified by FERC as the ERO under the U.S. Act, and
  - c. after certification under the U.S. Act, the ERO is to take appropriate steps to gain recognition in Canada and Mexico;
- 2. advises that the Department has proposed to the Energy Minister a Regulation which clarifies the duties of agencies in Alberta with respect to mandatory reliability standards. This Regulation also contemplates an MOU between the Alberta Department of Energy and NERC.
- 3. advises NERC that both the AESO and the AEUB will have a role in developing, proposing, and implementing standards in Alberta to ensure reliability and protect the market design in Alberta.

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Alberta looks forward to continued collaboration with NERC in development of standards to ensure the reliability of the North American Transmission System.

Sincerely, ZBA Service for Kellan Fluckiger Executive Director