

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**INTERCONNECTION FOR WIND ENERGY) Docket No. RM05-4-000
ENERGY)**

**JOINT MOTION OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL
AND THE
AMERICAN WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION
TO POSTPONE EFFECTIVE DATE**

The North American Electric Reliability Council (“NERC”)¹ and the American Wind Energy Association (“AWEA”)² hereby move the Commission to postpone for a 60-day period the effective date of the final rule adopted in this docket on June 2, 2005.³ The rule is now scheduled to take effect on August 15, 2005. The short postponement to October 14, 2005 requested in this motion will provide NERC and AWEA the opportunity to seek to develop a mutually acceptable solution to NERC’s concern regarding the reliability impact of the low-voltage ride-through (“LVRT”) provision of the rule described in NERC’s request for rehearing petition filed on July 7, 2005.

NERC and AWEA have initiated discussions to address the LVRT provisions of Order No. 661. A 60-day postponement of the effectiveness of the final rule adopted in

¹ NERC was formed after the Northeast blackout in 1965 to promote the reliability of the interconnected electric systems in North America. Its mission is to ensure that the bulk electric systems that serve North America are adequate, reliable, and secure. It works with all segments of the electric industry as well as customers to “keep the lights on” by developing and encouraging compliance with rules for the reliable operation and adequacy of supply of these systems. NERC comprises ten regional Reliability Councils that account for virtually all the electricity supplied in the United States, Canada, and a portion of Baja California Norte, Mexico.

² AWEA is a national trade association representing a broad range of entities with a common interest in encouraging the expansion and facilitation of wind energy resources in the United States. AWEA members include wind turbine manufacturers, component suppliers, project developers, project owners and operators, financiers, researchers, renewable energy supporters, utilities, marketers, customers and their advocates.

³ Order No. 661, Interconnection for Wind Energy, 111 FERC ¶ 61,353 (2005).

Order No. 661 is in the public interest because it could lead to a resolution of the LVRT issue in a manner that satisfies the mutual commitment of NERC and the wind industry to maintaining the reliability of the bulk electric system. Moreover, NERC and the wind industry will attempt to resolve the LVRT issue in a manner that is not unduly discriminatory and that permits the continued development of wind energy resources in this country.

NERC and AWEA will keep the Commission's staff apprised of the progress of the discussions and will file a report with the Commission on or before September 14, 2005, describing the final results of the discussions and any recommended revisions to Order No. 661.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon all parties listed on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 4th day of August, 2005.

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