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Mr. James Thompson
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

ANSI Accreditation

The North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) is pleased to submit its revised *Reliability Standards Process Manual* (Attachment 1) to the American National Standards Institute in consideration of ANSI's grant of approval of NERC as an ANSI-Accredited Standards Developer. The NERC Board of Trustees approved these changes, effective March 11, 2003.

The revisions to the manual, annotated and marked in red on the referenced pages of the revised manual, respond to the following four conditions cited in your February 20, 2003 e-mail to NERC:

1. Add language (page 7) stating that NERC does not intend to ask ANSI to approve the Compliance Administration Elements of any Reliability Standards submitted to ANSI for approval.
2. Add language (page 16) clarifying that NERC will accept comments throughout its process, including during the first ballot period.
3. Delete language (page 34) stating that:

"...Vendors, consultants, prime contractors of generation or transmission facilities, academics and others may participate actively as standards are developed, but will not be permitted to be voting members of any segment..."

4. Delete language (page 33) stating that a segment must contain five members to be considered valid.

NERC will provide ANSI with a final clean version of its *Reliability Standards Process Manual* following notification that ANSI has accredited our process.

Thank you for your help, and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Attachment

cc: NERC Board of Trustees
NERC Standards Authorization Committee