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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On May 26, 2011, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a Notice of Penalty in Docket No. NP11-184-000, regarding a \$70,000 penalty assessed by ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RFC) for twenty-six violations of the CIP-002-1 through CIP-009-1 Reliability Standards. In the absence of Commission action within thirty days, the penalty would be affirmed by operation of law.<sup>1</sup>

2. Pursuant to authority delegated to me in sections 375.311(u) and (v) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>2</sup> I am extending the time period for the Commission's consideration of this Notice of Penalty for the purpose of directing NERC and RFC to provide information they may possess that may bear on this consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 39.7(e)(1) (2011).

- 2 - <sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. §§ 375.311(u) and (v) (2011).

3. Therefore, in order to afford additional time for consideration of this Notice of Penalty, an extended time period until August 5, 2011, is hereby ordered for the limited purpose of further consideration of the Notice of Penalty. If no further action is taken by the Commission by that date, the penalty will be deemed affirmed by operation of law. To facilitate this consideration, I direct NERC and RFC to file responses to the enclosed requests for data and documents by July 8, 2011. As appropriate, NERC and RFC may seek non-public treatment of information in the responses pursuant to sections 388.112 and 388.113 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>3</sup>

4. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Medovoy at (202) 502-6768 or [Jeremy.Medovoy@ferc.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Medovoy@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

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<sup>3</sup> 18 C.F.R. §§ 388.112, 388.113.