



## **DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by New Brunswick Power Corporation pursuant to the *Electricity Act* and with respect to Reliability Standards MOD-025, MOD-026, MOD-027, PRC-019 and PRC-024 (Matter No. 257)

**November 12, 2014**

NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

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**NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD:**

Vice-Chairperson: François M. Beaulieu

Chief Clerk: Kathleen Mitchell

**APPLICANT:**

New Brunswick Power Corporation

**INTERVENERS:**

There were no interveners

## **A. Introduction**

- [1] On July 23, 2014, the New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) filed an application and supporting evidence (Application) with the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board). The Application is filed pursuant to subsection 119(1) of the *Electricity Act*, S.N.B. 2013, c. 7 (Act) and the *New Brunswick Regulation 2013-66* under the *Electricity Act* (Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act).
- [2] Further to an Order of the Board dated July 31, 2014 (Order), the Board posted the Application and Notice of this Matter 257 on the Board’s website.
- [3] The registered entities, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council Inc. (NPCC) were notified electronically of the Order and the Notice of this Matter 257. The parties were invited to submit written comments. The comment period concluded on September 30, 2014. The Board received no comments from any registered entities, NERC, or NPCC.
- [4] On October 27, 2014, NB Power filed “revised evidence” relating to NB Appendix MOD-026-1. The revisions were intended to correct a numbering error in the NB Appendix to MOD-026-1 and to clarify wording used to replace references to NERC registration criteria with NB registration criteria in section 4.2.4 of the Appendix MOD-026-1. These revisions were editorial in nature and were not substantive.
- [5] This Application seeks the approval of the Board of the following:
- (a) The approval of reliability standard MOD-025-2 and NB Appendix MOD-025-2-NB-0;
  - (b) The approval of reliability standard MOD-026-1 and NB Appendix MOD-026-1-NB-0;
  - (c) The approval of reliability standard MOD-027-1 and NB Appendix MOD-027-1-NB-0;

- (d) The approval of reliability standard PRC-019-1 and NB Appendix PRC-019-1-NB-0;
- (e) The approval of reliability standard PRC-024-1 and NB Appendix PRC-024-1-NB-0; and
- (f) Such other order and/or direction as the Board may see fit.

[6] The Chairperson has directed one member of the Board to deal with this Matter 257 pursuant section 5 of the *New Brunswick Regulation 2007-4* under the *Energy and Utilities Board Act*.

## **B. Approval of Reliability Standards**

[7] Section 8 of the Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act directs the Board to approve a reliability standard, together with any non-substantive modifications, as contemplated by subsection 8(3), which provides:

**8(3)** As soon as practicable after the expiry of the comment period under subsection (2), the Board shall approve a reliability standard, together with any non-substantive modifications that it considers appropriate,

(a) if the Corporation made no recommendation in the application under subsection 7(2) for any substantive modification to the reliability standard as approved by FERC, and

(b) if, during the comment period under subsection (2), there were no substantive comments submitted to the Board by a registered entity, the standards body or the compliance body.

[8] In this case, NB Power submits that the reliability standards MOD-025-2, MOD-026-1, MOD-027-1, PRC-019-1, and PRC-024-1 (Reliability Standards) with proposed modifications as contained in the NB Appendices are not substantially different from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the United States of America approved NERC

reliability standards. The Board finds that the proposed modifications are not substantially different.

**C. Conclusion**

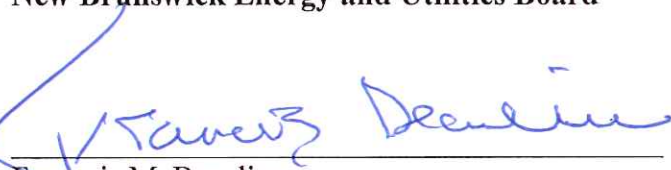
[9] The Board finds that the requirements of subsection 8(1) of the Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act are not applicable to the revised evidence, as the revisions were not substantive to warrant a reposting of the Application for further comment.

[10] The Board has carefully considered the Application and the revised evidence and is satisfied that the requirements of the Act and the Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act have been met and that the approval of the Reliability Standards, as modified, are both warranted and appropriate.

[11] The Application is approved as requested.

Dated in Saint John, New Brunswick, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

**New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board**



François M. Beaulieu  
Vice-Chairperson