



DECISION

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NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD:

Vice-Chairperson: François M. Beaulieu

Chief Clerk: Kathleen Mitchell

APPLICANT:

New Brunswick Power Corporation

INTERVENORS:

There were no intervenors

Introduction

The New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) filed an application and supporting evidence with the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 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)* seeking the following approval:

- (1) approving modifications of Board approved reliability standard PRC-005-1.1b by approving new version PRC-005-2 and NB Appendix PRC-005-2-NB-0;
- (2) approving retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard PRC-005-1.1b;
- (3) approving retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard PRC-008-0;
- (4) approving retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard PRC-011-0;
- (5) approving retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard PRC-017-0; and
- (6) such other order and/or direction as the Board may see fit.

The application and evidence were filed on April 25, 2014 and revised on April 28, 2014 (Application). Further to an Order of the Board dated April 29, 2014 (Order), the Application and Notice of this Matter 248 were posted on the Board's website. In addition, the Order and Notice of this Matter 248 were sent electronically to all registered entities, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council Inc. (NPCC). On or before June 30, 2014, the registered entities, NERC, and NPCC were invited to submit written comments concerning the Application.

Pursuant to paragraph 27.1(1)(k) of the *Energy and Utilities Board Act*, S.N.B. 2006, c. E-9.18, the Chairperson has directed one member of the Board to deal with this Matter 248.

Modification to Standards

Pursuant to section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act*, the Board is directed to approve modifications to an approved reliability standard as contemplated by subsection 8(4), which provides:

8(4) As soon as practicable after the expiry of the comment period under subsection (2), the Board shall approve modifications to an approved reliability standard that are recommended by the Corporation in an application under subsection 7(3) or paragraph 7(5)(a)

(a) if the recommended modifications are not substantively different from revisions approved by FERC to the equivalent reliability standard, 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.

In this case, NB Power submits that the proposed modifications to Reliability Standard PRC-005-1.1b are not substantially different from revisions approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the United States of America (FERC) to the equivalent reliability standard. The Board agrees that the modifications are not substantially different. Further, no comments were received by the Board from the registered entities, NERC, or NPCC.

Retirement of Standard

Pursuant to section 8 of the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act*, the Board is directed to retire an approved reliability standard as contemplated in subsection 8(5), which provides:

8(5) As soon as practicable after the expiry of the comment period under subsection (2), the Board shall retire an approved reliability standard

(a) if the application under subsection 7(4) or paragraph 7(5)(b) indicates the date on which FERC approved the retirement of the equivalent reliability standard, 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.

NB Power submits that, with respect to standards PRC-005-1.1b, PRC-008-0, PRC-011-0 and PRC-017-0 (Standards), FERC approved a schedule for the retirement of the equivalent Standards on February 24, 2014. Again, no comments were received by the registered entities, NERC, or NPCC.

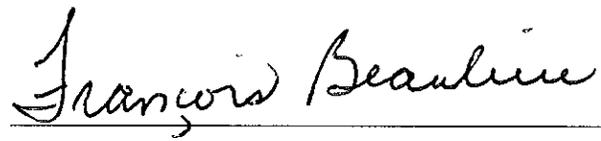
Conclusion

Pursuant to section 5 of the New Brunswick Regulation 2007-4 under the Energy and Utilities Board Act, a member of the Board has carefully considered the Application and is satisfied that the requirements of the Act and the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* have been met and that the requested modification and retirement of the Standards described above are both warranted and appropriate.

With the approval to retire Reliability Standard PRC-005-1.1b, it is directed that NB Power submits an application for the retirement of the corresponding NB Appendix PRC-005-1.1b-NB-0 at their earliest convenience.

The Application is approved as requested.

Dated in Saint John, New Brunswick this 17th day of July, 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "François Beaulieu". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

François M. Beaulieu, Vice-Chairperson