



DECISION

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August 14, 2014

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Vice-Chairperson: François M. Beaulieu

Members: Michael Costello
Patrick Ervin
John P. Herron

Counsel: Ellen Desmond

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 section 119(1) of the *Electricity Act*, S.N.B. 2013, c. 7 and the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act*, (Reg. 2013-66) seeking the following approval:

(a) an Order

- (1) approving modifications of Board approved reliability standard BAL-003-0.1b and NB Appendix BAL-003-0.1b-NB-0 by approving new version BAL-003-1 and NB Appendix BAL-003-1-NB-0, and
- (2) approving retirement of existing Board approved reliability standard BAL-003-0.1b and NB Appendix BAL-003-0.1b-NB-0.

(b) orders and/or directions with respect to such other matters as the Board sees fit.

NB Power filed the application and evidence (Application) on May 23, 2014. Further to an Order of the Board dated May 27, 2014 (Order), the Board posted the Application on the Board's website. The registered entities, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) were notified of the Order and notice of this Matter 250 and were invited to submit written comments.

Modification to Reliability Standard

The *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* requires the Board to approve modifications to an approved reliability standard. Subsection 8(4) 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.

The Board approves modifications to reliability standard BAL-003-0.1b by approving BAL-003-1 and modifications contained in NB Appendix BAL-003-1-NB-0, which the Board determines to be non-substantive. The Board received no comments from the registered entities, NERC, or NPCC.

Retirement of Reliability Standard

The *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* requires the Board to retire an approved reliability standard. Subsection 8(5) 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.

The Board approves the retirement of reliability standard BAL-003-0.1b and modifications contained in NB Appendix BAL-003-0.1b-NB-0. The retirement of the reliability standard was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the United States of America on March 24, 2014. The Board received no comments from the registered entities, NERC, or NPCC.

Conclusion

The Board has carefully considered the Application. The Board is satisfied that the requirements of the *Electricity Act* and the *Reliability Standards Regulation – Electricity Act* have been met and that both the reliability standard as modified and the requested retirement of the reliability standard described above are both warranted and appropriate.

The Application is approved as requested.

Dated at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick this 14 day of August, 2014.

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François M. Beaulieu, Vice-Chairperson

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Michael Costello, Member

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