



DECISION

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NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD:

Chairman: Raymond Gorman, Q.C.

Members: Michael Costello
Patrick Ervin
John 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 the *Electricity Act* and the *Reliability Standards Regulation* (Regulation) seeking the following approval:

- (1) modifications to Board approved Reliability Standard BAL-001-0.1a by approving new version BAL-001-1 and NB Appendix BAL-001-1-NB-0 in accordance with Section 7(3) of the Regulation;
- (2) the retirement of existing Board approved Reliability Standard BAL-001-0.1a in accordance with Section 7(4) of the Regulation; and
- (3) modifications to Board approved Reliability Standard BAL-003-0.1b by approving revised version BAL-003-0.1b and NB Appendix BAL-003-0.1b-NB-0 in accordance with Section 7(3) of the Regulation.

The original application and evidence was filed on December 13, 2013 but revised on January 22, February 11, and February 12, 2014.

Further to an Order of the Board dated February 24, 2014, the application and evidence were posted on the Board's website. In addition, the Board Notice of this Matter was sent electronically to all registered entities, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC). Interested parties were invited to submit comments to the Board in writing on or before April 25, 2014.

Modification to Standards

Pursuant to section 8 of the Regulation, the Board is directed to approve modifications to an approved reliability standard as follows:

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 BAL-001-0.1a and Reliability Standard BAL-003-0.1b are not substantially different from revisions approved by FERC to the equivalent reliability standards. Further, no comments were received by the Board from any interested party.

Retirement of Standard

Similarly, pursuant to section 8 of the Regulation the Board is directed to retire an approved reliability standard as follows:

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 Reliability Standard BAL-001-0.1a, FERC approved the retirement of an equivalent standard on October 16, 2013. Again, no comments were received from any interested parties.

Conclusion

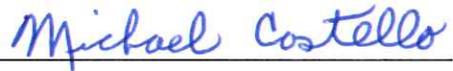
The Board has carefully considered the application and the evidence. The Board is satisfied that NB Power has met the requirements of the Regulation and that both the requested modifications and the requested retirement of the standards described above are both warranted and appropriate.

The Board approves the application as requested.

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



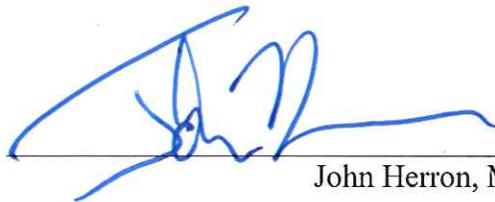
Raymond Gorman, Q.C., Chairman



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