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Ms. Christine E. Long
Registrar & Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Dear Ms. Long:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby submits Notice of Withdrawal of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6. NERC requests, to the extent necessary, a waiver of any applicable filing requirements with respect to this filing.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lauren Perotti

Lauren Perotti
Senior Counsel for the North American Electric Reliability Corporation
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION
FOR PROPOSED RELIABILITY STANDARD CIP-002-6

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby submits this notice of withdrawal for proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6.

I. Background

On June 22, 2020, NERC submitted a petition for approval of proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6.\(^1\) In the petition, NERC also sought the retirement of currently effective Reliability Standard CIP-002-5.1a.

II. Support for Withdrawal

At its February 4, 2021 meeting, the NERC Board of Trustees approved a resolution to withdraw proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6.\(^2\) NERC therefore asks to withdraw NERC’s June 22, 2020 petition seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 and the retirement of currently effective Reliability Standard CIP-002-5.1a. In light of recent cybersecurity events and the evolving threat landscape, NERC asserts that additional caution is warranted regarding any criteria that may permit more entities to categorize Bulk Electric System (“BES”) Cyber Systems as low impact, such as the revisions proposed in CIP-002-6, and recommends

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\(^1\) Petition of NERC for Approval of Proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 (June 12, 2020).

further study. As a result, NERC withdraws proposed Reliability Standard CIP-002-6 until NERC has had the opportunity to reevaluate the criterion based on additional data and studies.

III. Conclusion


Respectfully submitted,

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