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North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RM13-5-000

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
1325 G Street N.W., Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Shamai Elstein  
Attorney for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Revisions to the Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels  
Assigned to Certain Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards

Dear Mr. Elstein:

On May 15, 2014, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a compliance filing to revise certain Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) assigned to certain Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards, in response to Commission directives in Order No. 791.<sup>1</sup>

In its filing, NERC proposes to modify the VRFs for CIP-006-5, Requirement R3 and CIP-004-5.1, Requirement R4 from Lower to Medium. NERC also proposes to: (1) clarify the VSL for CIP-003-5, Requirement R4; (2) modify the CIP-004-5.1, Requirement R4 VSL to use percentage-based gradations; and (3) address typographical errors in CIP-003-5, Requirements R1 and R2, CIP-008-5, Requirement R2, and CIP-009-5, Requirement R3.

Notice of this filing was issued on May 15, 2014, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before June 5, 2014. No interventions, comments or protests were filed.

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<sup>1</sup> *Version 5 Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards*, Order No. 791, 145 FERC ¶ 61,160 at PP 184, 196, and 206-210 (2013).

NERC's uncontested filing is hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303, effective as of the date of this Order.

This action shall not be construed as approving any other application, including proposed revisions of Electric Reliability Organization or Regional Entity rules or procedures pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). Such action shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith and such action is without prejudice to any findings or orders that have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the Electric Reliability Organization or any Regional Entity.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this Order pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability

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