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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RD15-7-000

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Andrew C. Wills  
Associate Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for  
Approval of Proposed Interconnection Reliability Operations and  
Coordination Reliability Standards

Dear Mr. Wills:

On September 16, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition seeking approval of Reliability Standards IRO-006-EAST-2 (Transmission Loading Relief Procedure for the Eastern Interconnection) and IRO-009-2 (Reliability Coordinator Actions to Operate within IROs), pursuant to section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)<sup>1</sup> and Section 39.5<sup>2</sup> of the Commission's regulations. NERC also proposes to retire the currently effective versions of these standards, Reliability Standards IRO-006-EAST-1 and IRO-009-1, upon Commission approval of the proposed Reliability Standards. Along with approval of Reliability Standards IRO-006-EAST-2 and IRO-009-2 and retirement of the currently effective versions of those standards, NERC requests approval of (i) the associated implementation plans, and (ii) the violation risk factors and violation severity levels.

In its Petition, NERC states that proposed Reliability Standard IRO-006-EAST-2 is an improvement to the existing version of the standard because it removes redundant

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824o (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 39.5 (2015).

requirements based on “paragraph 81” criteria, revises existing language to clearly delineate applicable entities and the specific actions required, and relocates information in bullet points and subparts to the requirements.<sup>3</sup> NERC explains that the proposed Reliability Standard IRO-009-2 is an improvement to the existing version of the standard because it combines two existing requirements, revises existing language to clearly delineate applicable entities and the specific actions required, and removes unnecessary language. NERC also states that both proposed Reliability Standards implement language revisions and format improvements for consistency with recent NERC Board of Trustees-approved Reliability Standards.<sup>4</sup>

NERC’s filing was noticed on September 18, 2015, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before October 19, 2015. No interventions or comments were received.

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 (2015), 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 (2015).

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability

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<sup>3</sup> NERC Petition at 3, n. 9 *citing N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, 138 FERC ¶ 61,193 at P 81 (2012).

<sup>4</sup> NERC Petition at 3, n. 10.

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