

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426  
OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RR10-12-001

August 25, 2011

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
1120 G Street N.W., Suite 990  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3801

Attention: Holly A. Hawkins, Attorney

Reference: Standard Processes Manual Compliance Filing

Dear Ms. Hawkins,

1. On December 1, 2010, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted, pursuant to section 215(f) of the Federal Power Act and section 39.10 of the Commission's regulations,<sup>1</sup> a request to approve a modification to NERC's Standard Processes Manual (Manual) in compliance with the Commission's September 2010 Order.<sup>2</sup>

2. In accordance with the September 2010 Order,<sup>3</sup> NERC seeks a modification to the section of its Manual that identifies the elements of a Reliability Standard by, among other things, replacing the heading "Mandatory and Enforceable Sections of a Standard" with a new heading, "Requirements and Elements Necessary to Demonstrate Compliance and Monitor and Assess Compliance with Requirements." On May 17, 2011, NERC made a supplemental filing in which it stated "the use of the word 'necessary' in the revised heading is intended to indicate that standards developed under the process described in the [Manual] must conform to a template that includes all of the elements under this

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 39.10 (2011).

<sup>2</sup> *North American Electric Reliability Corporation*, 132 FERC ¶ 61,200 (2010) (September 2010 Order).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at P 11.

heading. The use of the word ‘necessary’ is not intended to have any connotation relative to enforcement.”<sup>4</sup>

3. Notice of the December 1, 2010 filing was issued on January 6, 2011, with protests or motions to intervene due on or before January 24, 2011. Notice of the May 17, 2011 filing was issued on May 18, 2011, with protests or motions to intervene due on or before May 31, 2011.

4. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2011), notices of intervention and timely, unopposed motions to intervene serve to make the entities that filed them parties to this proceeding. No interventions or protests were filed.

5. NERC’s proposed changes to its Manual presented in its uncontested filing, as clarified by its May 17, 2011 supplemental filing, are approved pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303 (2011).

6. This action shall not be construed as approving any other application including Electric Reliability Organization or Regional Entity rules or procedures pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(2)(i). This action shall not be construed as approving any contingency plan pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(1)(i) or any other data or report pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(b)(3)(iv). Such approval shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith; and such approval is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or which may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now or pending or hereafter instituted by or against NERC.

7. 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 (2011).

Sincerely,

Joseph H. McClelland, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability

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<sup>4</sup> NERC May 17, 2011 filing, Docket No. RR10-12-001 at 2.