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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RM08-3-002

January 16, 2009

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

Attention: Rebecca J. Michael, Attorney

Reference: Electric Reliability Organization Compliance Filing providing  
timeline for revising Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination Reliability Standard.

Dear Ms. Michael:

1. On November 17, 2008, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a filing to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 716, which accepted Reliability Standard NUC-001-1 – Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination, but also required NERC to submit a timeline for developing and filing a modification to Requirement R9.3.5. *Mandatory Reliability Standard for Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination*, Order No. 716, 73 Fed. Reg. 63,770 (Oct. 27, 2008), 125 FERC ¶ 61,065, at P 107 (2008).
2. NERC states that it will process this modification using the Commission-approved Reliability Standards Development Procedure, Version 6.1 currently included as Appendix 3A in NERC's Rules of Procedure. NERC will begin this process through submission of a standards authorization request to its Standards Committee. NERC anticipates that, in order to afford the "full vetting of new suggestions raised by commenters in the NOPR comments" as expressed by the Commission in paragraph 107 of Order No. 716, eight to eleven months will be required to develop and file the proposed modification to Requirement R9.3.5 following the standards authorization request.
3. Notice of this filing was issued on November 24, 2008, with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before December 8, 2008.

4. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2008). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214. No interventions or comments were received.
5. NERC's uncontested filing is accepted pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.314.
6. This action shall not be construed as accepting any other contingency plan pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.314(a)(1)(i) or any other data or report pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.314(b)(3)(iv). 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. § 375.314(a)(2)(i). Such acceptance or approval shall not be deemed as recognition of any claimed right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance or 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.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. McClelland, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability