

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RR10-9-000

July 23, 2010

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

Attention: Rebecca J. Michael, Attorney

Reference: Amended 2010 Business Plan and Budget of the Western Electricity  
Coordinating Council

Dear Ms. Michael:

1. On April 22, 2010, as supplemented on May 10, 2010, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a supplemental budget and funding request on behalf of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §39.4(d). The Commission conditionally approved the 2010 Business Plan and Budget of NERC and WECC in an Order issued October 15, 2009.<sup>1</sup>

2. NERC proposes to amend WECC's 2010 budget to incorporate three Department of Energy grants it has received to fund new projects: (1) the Western Interconnection Synchrophasor Program ("WISP"), (2) the Regional Transmission Expansion Planning ("RTEP") Project, and (3) the Variable Generation Subcommittee ("VGS") Project. The amended budget does not provide for or require any increase in assessments to load-serving entities in the WECC Region. Separately, NERC seeks to amend §1 of Exhibit E of the NERC-WECC Delegation Agreement to expressly recognize WISP and the WECC Interchange

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<sup>1</sup> Order Conditionally Accepting 2010 Business Plan and Budget of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Ordering Compliance Filings, 129 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2009).

Tool as statutory activities under the Situation Awareness and Infrastructure Security Program.

3. Notice of NERC's filing was issued on May 5, 2010, with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before May 26, 2010. Notice of NERC's supplemental filing was issued on May 12, 2010, with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before May 26, 2010.
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). Any opposed or untimely filed motions to intervene are governed by the provisions of Rule 214. No protests or adverse comments were filed.
5. NERC's uncontested filing is approved pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303.
6. This action shall not be construed as accepting any other contingency plan pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 375.303(a)(1)(i) or any other data or report pursuant to C.F.R. § 375.303(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. § 375.303(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

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