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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Attention: Marisa Hecht
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Reference: Approval of Reliability Standard CIP-003-8 (Cyber Security -
Security Management Controls)

Dear Ms. Hecht:

On May 21, 2019, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted a filing seeking Commission approval of Reliability Standard CIP-003-8 (Cyber Security — Security Management Controls). NERC requests Commission approval of proposed Reliability Standard CIP-003-8; the associated implementation plan, violation risk factors and violation severity levels; and the retirement of Commission-approved Reliability Standard CIP-003-7.

The purpose of Reliability Standard CIP-003-8 is to specify consistent and sustainable security management controls that establish responsibility and accountability to protect BES Cyber Systems against compromise that could lead to misoperation or instability in the bulk electric system. NERC filed the petition in response to the Commission's directive in Order No. 843 to develop modifications to the Reliability Standards to mitigate the risk of malicious code

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that could result from third-party transient electronic devices for low impact BES Cyber Systems¹.

NERC's petition was noticed on May 21, 2019, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before June 12, 2019. No interventions, comments or protests were received.

NERC's uncontested petition is hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303 (2018), effective as of the date of this order.

This action shall not be construed as accepting 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 which have been or which 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 (2018).

Sincerely,

Andrew Dodge, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

¹ *Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standard CIP-003-7 – Cyber Security – Security Management Controls*, Order No. 843, 163 FERC ¶ 61,032, at P 37 (2018).

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