

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric
Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RR07-14-000

November 2, 2007

North American Electric Reliability Corp.
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Washington, D.C. 20005-3801

Attention: Rebecca J. Michael, Attorney

Reference: Filing of reliability enhancement programs

Dear Ms. Michael:

On July 20, 2007, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed reliability enhancement programs in response to the Commission's directive in *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672 at P 468, FERC Stats. & Regs., ¶ 31,204 (2006), Docket No. RM05-30-000. Therein, the Commission indicated that programs of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations such as an action watch-list, or "best practices" program would enhance Bulk-Power System reliability and would be most effective if developed by the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) and approved by the Commission. The Commission required the certified ERO to make a compliance filing no later than one year from the date of certification by the Commission proposing reliability enhancement programs that would improve Bulk-Power System reliability, along with a program implementation schedule. NERC was certified as the ERO by the Commission on July 20, 2006.¹

Notice of this filing was issued on August 1, 2007 with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before August 20, 2007.

¹ Order Certifying North American Electric Reliability Corporation as the Electric Reliability Organization and Ordering Compliance Filing, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062 (2006).

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 motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

In its filing, NERC describes a number of programs and initiatives that it has implemented, is in the process of implementing, or that are continuing activities that have the objective of improving reliability. NERC further indicates that it and the Regional Entities have expended over the past year, and expect to expend over the upcoming year, a significant amount of effort to establish and implement the fundamental components and programs of the ERO and the compliance monitoring and enforcement program for mandatory and enforceable reliability standards. As a result, NERC states that is not yet in a position at this time to propose the design and implementation of a full array of specific reliability enhancement programs comparable to the specific nuclear power programs discussed in Order No. 672.

NERC's uncontested filing is approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability under 18 C.F.R. § 375.314, subject to the condition that NERC shall file by the second anniversary of its certification as the ERO a further report on the status and array of its reliability enhancement programs. This further compliance filing is due on or before July 20, 2008.

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.

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

cc: All Parties