

March 3, 2016

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Delay of TFE Procedures for CIP Version 5 Reliability Standards; Docket No. RR16-2-

Dear Secretary Bose:

On January 21, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued a letter order in the above-captioned docket approving revisions to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s (“NERC”) Rules of Procedure (“ROP”), effective April 1, 2016. Among other things, the revisions included modifications to Appendix 4D of the ROP to ensure that the procedures for Technical Feasibility Exceptions (“TFE”) in the ROP were consistent with the cybersecurity Critical Infrastructure Protection (“CIP”) Reliability Standards approved in Order No. 791, often referred to as the CIP version 5 standards. NERC requested an April 1, 2016 effective date for the ROP revisions to align the effective date for those ROP changes with the April 1, 2016 effective date of the CIP version 5 standards. On February 25, 2016, however, the Commission granted an extension of time for implementing the CIP version 5 standards until July 1, 2016. To that end, NERC hereby informs the Commission that it will not implement the revised TFE procedures applicable to the CIP version 5 standards until July 1, 2016. NERC will continue to apply the TFE procedures in currently-effective Appendix 4D through June 30, 2016.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon all parties listed on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding. Dated at Washington, D.C. this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2016.

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