

March 31, 2017

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

Re: NERC Standards Report, Status and Timetable for Addressing Regulatory Directives, and  
Periodic Review of Reliability Standards  
Docket No. RR09-6-003

Dear Secretary Bose:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby submits the 2017 NERC Standards Report, Status and Timetable for Addressing Regulatory Directives (the “Directives Report”) in accordance with Section 321.6 of the NERC Rules of Procedure (“ROP”).<sup>1</sup> This annual report summarizes the progress made, and plans for addressing the Reliability Standards-related directives issued by applicable governmental authorities.

## 1. Report on Regulatory Directives

Section 321.6 of NERC’s ROP requires NERC, on or before March 31 of each year, to file a report with applicable governmental authorities on the status and timetable for addressing each outstanding regulatory directive. Attached hereto is the Directives Report for 2017. As discussed in the Directives Report, since the Commission-certified NERC as the Electric Reliability Organization, the Commission has issued 81 orders that contain 832 directives related to NERC Reliability Standards. As of March 2017, NERC has addressed 798 or 95.9% of the 832 directives and continues to make substantial progress in addressing the remaining 30 directives. Since the 2016 Directives Report, the Commission has issued five orders containing 13 directives. In the past year, NERC has also filed petitions with the Commission addressing 23 outstanding directives. The 2017-2019 Reliability Standards Development Plan (“RSDP”) provides a plan to address the remainder of the standards-related directives.

NERC’s annual RSDP establishes priorities related to Reliability Standards to help ensure that those issues that most directly impact Bulk-Power System reliability are addressed first. Directives to create new or modify existing Reliability Standards are assigned to existing or future development projects that are

<sup>1</sup> The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”) approved Rule 321 on March 17, 2011 in the above captioned docket. *Order on Compliance Filing*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,216 (2011).

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prioritized by the NERC Standards Committee and reflected in the RSDP. The 2017-2019 RSDP was filed with the Commission on December 16, 2016.<sup>2</sup>

The attached Directives Report includes the following appendices to aid in understanding the specific regulatory directives received to date and the standard development projects assigned to address those directives:

- Appendix A – Regulatory Orders Containing Directives
- Appendix B – Directives Listed by Commission Order
- Appendix C – Remaining Directives to be Addressed

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>2</sup> NERC's 2017-2019 RSDP is accessible at the following link:  
[http://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/NERC%20Filings%20to%20FERC%20DL/2017-2019%20RSDP%20FERC\\_Filing.pdf](http://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/us/NERC%20Filings%20to%20FERC%20DL/2017-2019%20RSDP%20FERC_Filing.pdf).