

December 15, 2016

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

Re: Informational Filing – Plan to Address Supply Chain Risk Management Directive
Docket No. RM15-14-002

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to footnote 85 of Order No. 829 (“Order”),¹ the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby submits an informational filing outlining its plan to address the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“Commission”) directive from the Order. In Order No. 829, the Commission directed NERC to submit a new or modified Reliability Standard addressing supply chain risk management for industrial control system hardware, software, and computing and networking services associated with bulk electric system operations within one year of the effective date of the Order, which is September 27, 2017. The attached project plan sets forth NERC’s activities and anticipated milestones for meeting the September 27, 2017 deadline.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Order No. 829, *Revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards*, 156 FERC ¶ 61, 050, 81 Fed. Reg. 49878 (2016).

Project Plan - Project 2016-03 Cyber Security Supply Chain Management

Action	Actual/Estimated Completion Date
Nomination period for Standard Authorization Request (SAR) and standard drafting team (SDT)	7/29/16 – 8/18/16
Standards Committee appointed SDT	9/14/16
In-Person SDT Meeting	10/17/16 – 10/19/16
Standard Committee approval of SAR	10/19/16
Informal comment period on SAR	10/20/16 – 11/18/16
Technical Conference	11/10/16
In-Person SDT Meeting	11/29/16 – 12/1/16
Standard Committee approval of revised SAR	12/14/16
Standard Committee approval of posting new and/or modified Reliability Standard(s) to address Order No. 829 directive for 45-day comment period and ballot	1/18/17
Initial comment period and ballot on new and/or modified Reliability Standard(s)	1/19/17 – 3/6/17
In-Person SDT Meeting	March 2017
Additional comment period and ballot on new and/or modified Reliability Standard(s), if necessary	4/12/17 – 5/26/17
In-Person SDT Meeting	Early June 2017
Final Ballot on new and/or modified Reliability Standard(s)	June 2017
NERC Board of Trustees adoption of new and/or modified Reliability Standard(s)	August 2017
Submit petition for approval of new and/or modified Reliability Standard(s) to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	September 2017