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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RD17-3-000

January 24, 2017

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
1325 G Street N.W., Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Lauren Perotti  
Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Interpretation of Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2a

Dear Ms. Perotti:

On November 9, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) filed a joint petition seeking approval of an interpretation of regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2a. The proposed interpretation provides clarification regarding the types of resources that may be used to satisfy Contingency Reserve requirements in regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2.

NERC states that the proposed interpretation incorporates into the standard document the Commission's determination, in Order No. 789, approving regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2, that non-traditional resources may qualify as "Operating Reserve – Spinning" provided those resources satisfy the technical and performance requirements in Requirement R2.<sup>1</sup>

NERC's and WECC's joint filing was noticed on December 6, 2016, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before January 05, 2017. No comments or protests were received.

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<sup>1</sup> *Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2 – Contingency Reserve*, Order No. 789, 145 FERC ¶ 61,141, P 48 (2013).

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 (2016), effective as of the date of this order.

This action shall not be construed as approving 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 that have been or 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 (2016).

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability