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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation Docket No. RD17-9-000

October 16, 2017

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

Attention: Shamai Elstein

Senior Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and SERC

Reliability Corporation for Approval of Proposed Regional Reliability

Standard PRC-006-SERC-02

Dear Mr. Elstein:

On September 8, 2017, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and SERC Reliability Corporation (SERC) filed a joint petition seeking approval of proposed regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-02 (Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding (UFLS) Requirements). NERC and SERC also requested approval of the associated effective date for the proposed regional Reliability Standard, violation risk factors and violation severity levels, and retirement of regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-01. Proposed regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-02 establishes consistent and coordinated requirements for the design, implementation, and analysis of automatic UFLS programs among all SERC applicable entities. I

Proposed regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-02 incorporates revisions that provide additional flexibility for planning coordinators to select the peak season for UFLS plans and additional clarity on the load that can be used for UFLS schemes in the SERC region. The proposed revisions resulted from a periodic review of regional

¹ Petition at 1.

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Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-01.² In approving regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-01, the Commission stated that the regional Reliability Standard is "designed to work in conjunction with NERC Reliability Standard PRC-006-1 to mitigate the consequences of an underfrequency event effectively while accommodating differences in system transmission and distribution topology among SERC planning coordinators due to historical design criteria, makeup of load demands, and generation resources." Proposed regional Reliability Standard PRC-006-SERC-02 continues to satisfy these criteria.

NERC's filing was noticed on September 8, 2017, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before October 10, 2017. No comments were received.

NERC's uncontested filing is hereby approved pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability under 18 C.F.R. § 375.303 (2017), 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 (2017).

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director Office of Electric Reliability

² *Id.* at 2.

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