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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Norman C. Bay, Chairman;  
Cheryl A. LaFleur, Tony Clark,  
and Colette D. Honorable.

Availability of Certain North American Electric  
Reliability Corporation Databases to the Commission

Docket No. RM15-25-000

ORDER CLARIFYING EFFECTIVE DATE AND COMPLIANCE DATE

July 7, 2016

1. In Order No. 824, the Commission issued a final rule amending its regulations, pursuant to section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>1</sup> to require the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to provide the Commission, and Commission staff, with access, on a non-public and ongoing basis, to certain databases compiled and maintained by NERC.<sup>2</sup> The Commission directed that “[t]his rule will become effective upon issuance of the final rule in Docket No. RM16-15-000.”<sup>3</sup>

2. To conform with Federal Register guidelines, the Commission clarifies the final rule’s effective date and compliance date as follows:

*Effective date:* This rule will become effective **[INSERT DATE of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824o (2012).

<sup>2</sup> *Availability of Certain North American Electric Reliability Corporation Databases to the Commission*, Order No. 824, 155 FERC ¶ 61,275 (June 16, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* P 75.

*Compliance date:* The compliance date is based on issuance of the final rule in Docket No. RM16-15-000. The Commission will publish a document in the Federal Register announcing the compliance date.

This clarification conforms the Database Final Rule to the Commission's stated intent of deferring Commission access to the databases "until the Commission issues a final rule adopting regulations to implement its recently-expanded authority to protect against the disclosure of 'critical electric infrastructure information.'"<sup>4</sup>

By the Commission.

( S E A L )

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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<sup>4</sup> *Id.* P 46.