

## Minutes Board of Trustees

October 26, 2022 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern

### Virtual Meeting

#### Call to Order

Mr. Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr., Chair, called to order the duly noticed open meeting of the Board of Trustees (the Board) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC or the Corporation) on October 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present. The agenda is attached as **Exhibit A**.

Present at the meeting were:

#### Board Members

Kenneth W. DeFontes, Jr., Chair  
George S. Hawkins, Vice Chair  
Jane Allen  
Robert G. Clarke  
Larry Irving  
Suzanne Keenan  
Susan Kelly  
Jim Piro  
James B. Robb, NERC President and Chief Executive Officer  
Colleen Sidford  
Roy Thilly

#### NERC Staff

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary  
Howard Gugel, Vice President, Engineering and Standards  
Kelly Hanson, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer  
Mark G. Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer  
Sônia Mendonça, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary  
Lauren Perotti, Senior Counsel  
Janet Sena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs

#### NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

Ms. Buzzard noted the public nature of the meeting and directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the advance meeting materials. She stated that any additional questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to Ms. Mendonça.

#### Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Mr. DeFontes welcomed all of the attendees to the meeting and introduced Mr. Robb to provide opening remarks. Mr. Robb noted the purpose of the meeting is to adopt the proposed cold weather Reliability Standards developed in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), NERC, and Regional Entity Joint Inquiry into the causes of the February 2021 cold weather event affecting Texas and the south central United States ("Joint Inquiry

Report”). He recalled the significant impacts of the February 2021 cold weather event, and he remarked that the proposed standards are a timely and important step forward in addressing the risks to reliability posed by extreme cold weather.

### **Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations, Preparedness, and Coordination**

Mr. Gugel presented the proposed Reliability Standards, noting that they were developed to address the first phase recommendations for standards development from the Joint Inquiry Report in accordance with the timeline directed by the Board at its November 2021 meeting.

Mr. Gugel highlighted the reliability benefits provided by the proposed standards, including new and revised requirements for improved generator cold weather preparedness and improved requirements relating to how Transmission Operators consider manual load shed in their emergency operating plans. He also provided an overview of the standards development process for this project, discussed minority issues raised during the first phase of development, and noted that work is continuing to address the second phase standards recommendations from the Joint Inquiry Report.

Mr. DeFontes thanked the standard drafting team and NERC’s stakeholders for their work on this important project. The Trustees discussed how the proposed Reliability standards represent an important step forward in assuring generator cold weather reliability, but that work remains to be done to address the remaining recommendations from the Joint Inquiry Report. The Trustees also discussed the need to closely monitor the implementation of the proposed Reliability Standards to ensure they are having the intended effect, and that NERC must continue to think about how Reliability Standards for cold weather fit within the context of the broader regulatory environment.

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following resolutions:

#### ***Proposed Reliability Standard EOP-011-3***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the proposed Reliability Standard EOP-011-3, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for the proposed Reliability Standard, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the proposed retirement of Reliability Standard EOP-011-2, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

#### ***Proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-1***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the proposed Reliability Standard EOP-012-1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for the proposed Reliability Standard, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

#### ***Definitions for Inclusion in the Glossary of Terms used in NERC Reliability Standards***

**RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the definition of Generator Cold Weather Critical Component, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the definition of Extreme Cold Weather Temperature, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby adopts the definition of Generator Cold Weather Reliability Event, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

***Implementation Plan for Project 2020-05***

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves the associated implementation plan for the above-listed Reliability Standards and definitions, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

***Authorization***

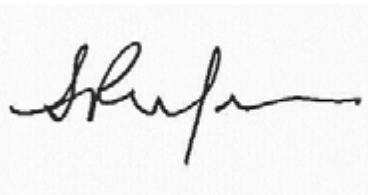
**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NERC management is hereby authorized to make the appropriate filings with ERO governmental authorities and take such further actions and make such further filings as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolutions.

The Board requested that Mr. Gugel provide an update on the status of the standard drafting team's work to address the second phase recommendations from the Joint Inquiry Report at the Board's February 2023 meeting.

**Other Matters and Adjournment**

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Sônia Mendonça  
Corporate Secretary