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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD15-2-000

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Milena Yordanova
Associate Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for
Approval of Proposed Reliability Standard PRC-006-2

Dear Ms. Yordanova:

On December 15, 2014, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition seeking approval of the proposed Reliability Standard PRC-006-2 (Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding), the associated implementation plan, the violation risk factors, and violation security levels and the retirement of currently effective Reliability Standard PRC-006-1.

The purpose of proposed Reliability Standard PRC-006-2 is to establish design and documentation requirements for automatic underfrequency load shedding (UFLS) programs to arrest declining frequency, assist recovery of frequency following underfrequency events and provide last resort system preservation measures. Proposed Reliability Standard PRC-006-2 states that it is applicable to planning coordinators, UFLS entities (a term defined in the proposed Reliability Standard), and transmission owners that own elements identified in the underfrequency load shedding programs established by planning coordinators. The petition maintains that the proposed Reliability Standard contains changes that address the Commission's concern in Order No. 763 relating to Requirement R9 of PRC-006-1.¹ In Order No. 763, the Commission approved Reliability Standard PRC-006-1. In addition, the Commission directed NERC

¹ *Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding and Load Shedding Plans Reliability Standards*, Order No. 763, 139 FERC ¶ 61,098, *order granting clarification*, 140 FERC ¶ 61,164 (2012).

to include explicit language in a subsequent version of the Reliability Standard clarifying that applicable entities are required to implement corrective actions identified by the planning coordinator in accordance with a schedule established by the same planning coordinator.² The petition states that this is accomplished by additional language in Reliability Standard PRC-006-2, Requirements R9 and R10, and the introduction of a new Requirement R15. The revisions also place deadlines for corrective action plans to be developed by the planning coordinator. The petition states that these proposed deadlines are within the timeframes identified in Requirements R4, R5 or R12.

NERC's filing was noticed on December 17, 2014, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before January 16, 2015. Dominion Resources Services, Inc. filed a timely motion to intervene raising no issues.

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 (2014), 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 (2014).

Sincerely,

Michael Bardee, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

² Order No. 763, 139 FERC ¶ 61,098 at P 48.