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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD17-8-000

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Attention: Shamai Elstein
Senior Counsel for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and
ReliabilityFirst Corporation for Approval of Proposed Regional Reliability
Standard BAL-502-RF-03

Dear Mr. Elstein:

On September 7, 2017, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and ReliabilityFirst Corporation (ReliabilityFirst) filed a joint petition seeking approval of proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RF-03 (Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation). NERC and ReliabilityFirst also requested approval of the associated implementation plan for the proposed regional Reliability Standard, violation risk factors and violation severity levels, and retirement of regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RFC-02. The proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RF-03 establishes common criteria, based on “one day in ten year” loss of load expectation principles, for the analysis, assessment, and documentation of resource adequacy for load in the ReliabilityFirst region.¹

Proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-502-RF-03 addresses Commission directives to: (1) add time horizons applicable to the requirements; and (2) consider including a requirement that the planning coordinators identify any gap between the

¹ Petition at 1.

needed amount of planning reserves and the documented projected planning reserves determined from the resource adequacy analysis.²

NERC and ReliabilityFirst'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 and ReliabilityFirst'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 6-7 (citing *Planning Resource Adequacy Assessment Reliability Standard*, Order No. 747, 134 FERC ¶ 61,212, at PP 53, 65 (2011)).