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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RD20-4-000

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

Attention: Lauren A. Perotti, Senior Counsel  
North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for  
Approval of Reliability Standards Developed Under the Standards  
Alignment with Registration Project

Dear Ms. Perotti:

On February 21, 2020, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted for approval proposed revisions to seven Reliability Standards, as well as the proposed implementation plan, violation risk factors, and violation severity levels.<sup>1</sup> NERC also requested the retirement of the currently-effective versions of the proposed Reliability Standards.

NERC states that the proposed Reliability Standards remove references to classes of entities that are no longer registered by NERC to align the Reliability Standards with registration changes approved by the Commission in 2015.<sup>2</sup> The proposed revisions in Reliability Standard PRC-006-4 also add “underfrequency load shedding (UFLS)-only

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed Reliability Standards FAC-002-3 (Facility Interconnection Studies), IRO-010-3 (Reliability Coordinator Data Specification and Collection), MOD-031-3 (Demand and Energy Data), MOD-033-2 (Steady-State and Dynamic System Model Validation), NUC-001-4 (Nuclear Plant Interface Coordination), PRC-006-4 (Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding), TOP-003-4 (Operational Reliability Data).

<sup>2</sup> *Order on Electric Reliability Organization Risk Based Registration Initiative and Requiring Compliance Filing*, 150 FERC ¶ 61,213 (2015); *Order on Compliance Filing*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,024 (2015).

distribution providers” as applicable entities. In addition, the proposed revisions replace the term planning authority with planning coordinator for consistency across all of the Reliability Standards. NERC states that no substantive revisions were made to the proposed Reliability Standards’ underlying requirements.

NERC’s filed petition was noticed on February 24, 2020, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before March 23, 2020. One motion to intervene was submitted by American Municipal Power, Inc. No other interventions or 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 (2020), 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 (2020).

Sincerely,

Andrew Dodge, Director  
Office of Electric Reliability