FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Docket No. RD23-6-000

November 1, 2023

North American Electric Reliability Corporation

1325 G Street N.W., Suite 600

Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Lauren A. Perotti, Assistant General Counsel

Sarah P. Crawford, Counsel

North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for  
Approval of Proposed Reliability Standards IRO-010-5 and TOP-003-6.1

Dear Ms. Perotti and Ms. Crawford:

On September 21, 2023, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition (NERC Petition) seeking approval of proposed Reliability Standards IRO-010-5 (Reliability Coordinator Data and Information Specification and Collection), and TOP-003-6.1 (Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection), the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, and the proposed implementation plan including the retirement of the currently-effective Reliability Standards IRO-010-4 and TOP-003-5.

NERC states in its petition that it revised both standards so that the language is parallel in form and function and uses similar vernacular in describing the underlying requirements. The proposed revisions allow applicable entities to use available technologies, integrate new technologies, and define expectations for data and information exchange.**[[1]](#footnote-3)**  The modifications to these two standards originated through the second phase of NERC’s Standards Efficiency Review (SER) to consolidate information/data exchange requirements.**[[2]](#footnote-4)**

NERC’s petition was noticed on September 26, 2023, with interventions, comments, and protests due on or before October 26, 2023. No motion to intervene was 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 (2022), 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.

Sincerely,

David Ortiz, Director

Office of Electric Reliability

1. NERC Petition at 13. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *See* NERC, *SER Phase 2 Recommendations Working Document*, (Aug. 2021), https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Standards%20Efficiency%20Review%20DL/SER\_Phase\_2\_Recommendations\_Working\_Document\_08062021.xlsx. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)