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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD24-2-000

January 30, 2024

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

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

Chris Albrecht, Assistant General Counsel
Western Electricity Coordinating Council

Reference: Joint Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and
Western Electricity Coordinating Council for Approval of Proposed
Regional Reliability Standard VAR-501-WECC-4

Dear Ms. Perotti:

On December 15, 2023, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) filed a joint petition seeking approval of proposed Regional Reliability Standard VAR-501-WECC-4 (Power System Stabilizer (PSS)), the associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels, and the proposed implementation plan including the retirement of the currently-effective Regional Reliability Standard VAR-501-WECC-3.1.¹

The joint petition states that the proposed Regional Reliability Standard VAR-501-WECC-4 revisions are non-substantive changes to the currently-effective Regional Reliability Standard: (1) updating the document template, numbering, and template sections; (2) removing antiquated language from the Effective Date section and redundant language from Measure M4; (3) updating syntax; and (4) correcting language

¹ Joint Petition at 1.

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such as “[s]tandard” to [S]tandard” and “dampen” to “damp” in the Rationale and Guidance sections.²

The joint petition was noticed on December 19, 2023, with interventions, comments, and protests due on or before January 18, 2024. No interventions, comments, or protests were filed.

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
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David Ortiz, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

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² Joint Petition at 9-10

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