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OFFICE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Docket No. RD20-9-000

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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 for North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Reference: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for  
Approval of Reliability Standard BAL-003-2

Dear Ms. Perotti:

On December 19, 2019, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted for approval proposed Reliability Standard BAL-003-2 (Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting), as well as the proposed implementation plan, Violation Risk Factors, and Violation Severity Levels.

NERC states that proposed Reliability Standard BAL-003-2 improves upon the currently-effective version of the Reliability Standard by refining and clarifying the process and methods for calculating the amount of Frequency Response that must be provided in a given operating year to support the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. The modifications in proposed Reliability Standard BAL-003-2 are concentrated in Attachment A (BAL-003-2 Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting Standard Supporting Document), which addresses the establishment of the Interconnection Frequency Response Obligation (IFRO). The proposed Reliability Standard modifies the method for calculating IFROs in each Interconnection so that they are calculated uniformly based on a new resource loss protection criteria.

NERC's filed petition was noticed on May 28, 2020, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before June 29, 2020. No 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 (2019), 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 (2019).

Sincerely,

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