

February 21, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

**RE: Informational Filing regarding Reliability Standard TPL-007-3
Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events**

Dear Ms. Bose:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby provides notice to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) regarding Reliability Standard TPL-007-3, Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events. Reliability Standard TPL-007-3 adds a regional Variance for Canadian jurisdictions. No changes have been made to any of the continent-wide Requirements of Commission-approved Reliability Standard TPL-007-2.¹

The standard was developed in accordance with the NERC Rules of Procedure. It was adopted by the NERC Board of Trustees on February 7, 2019. The standard has been submitted to the applicable governmental authorities in Canada for further action.²

As NERC proposes no changes to any standard Requirement or compliance element that is mandatory and enforceable within the United States, NERC does not seek approval of Reliability Standard TPL-007-3. To maintain consistency in standard versions approved by the NERC Board of Trustees and used throughout North America, however, NERC will transition all U.S.-based entities to Reliability Standard TPL-007-3 effective July 1, 2019 in accordance with the Reliability Standard TPL-007-3 implementation plan. As provided in this plan, all U.S. based entities shall continue to follow the phased-in compliance dates of the Reliability Standard TPL-007-2 implementation plan, which is incorporated into

¹ The Commission approved Reliability Standard TPL-007-2 with directives for further modifications in Order No. 851, issued November 15, 2018. *See Geomagnetic Disturbance Reliability Standard; Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events*, Order No. 851, 165 FERC ¶ 61,124 (2018).

² NERC’s filings to the Canadian governmental authorities are available on NERC’s website at: <https://www.nerc.com/FilingsOrders/ca/Pages/default.aspx>.

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the Reliability Standard TPL-007-3 implementation plan by reference and attachment. Reliability Standard TPL-007-2 shall be retired immediately prior to the effective date of Reliability Standard TPL-007-3.

NERC provides notice of Reliability Standard TPL-007-3 for informational purposes only.

Respectfully submitted,

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