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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD13-12-000]

Joint Petition of the North American Electric, Reliability Corporation, and Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. for Approval of Proposed Regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE- 01—Primary Frequency Response in the ERCOT Region

In Reply Refer To: North American
Electric, Reliability Corporation,
Docket No. RD13-12-000.

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Reference: Joint Petition of the North
American Electric Reliability
Corporation and Texas Reliability
Entity, Inc. for approval of proposed
regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-

TRE-01—Primary Frequency Response
in the ERCOT region.

Dear Mmes. Hawkins and Cooper:

1. On September 18, 2013, the North
American Electric Reliability
Corporation (NERC) and the Texas
Reliability Entity, Inc. (Texas RE) filed
a joint petition (Petition) seeking
approval of proposed regional
Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01
(Primary Frequency Response),
implementation plan, and the associated
violation risk factors and

1. violation severity levels in response
to the Order No. 693 directive to
develop a regional Reliability Standard
for assuring frequency performance in
the ERCOT Interconnection.¹

2. The Petition states that the
purpose of proposed regional Reliability
Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 is to
maintain ERCOT Interconnection
steady-state frequency within defined
limits by balancing real-power demand
and supply in real-time. This reliability
goal is accomplished by requiring
prompt and sufficient frequency
response from resources to stabilize
frequency during changes in the system
generation-demand balance.² Pursuant
to section 215(d) of the Federal Power
Act, we approve regional Reliability
Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 as just,
reasonable, not unduly discriminatory
or preferential, and in the public
interest.

3. On March 16, 2007, the
Commission issued Order No. 693,
approving 83 of the 107 Reliability
Standards and associated definitions
filed by NERC, including Reliability
Standard BAL-001-0.³ In Order No.
693, the Commission approved a
regional difference for the ERCOT
Interconnection from Reliability
Standard BAL-001-0, allowing ERCOT
to be exempt from Requirement R2. In
doing so, the Commission found that
ERCOT's approach to frequency
response under its own protocols
appeared to be more stringent than
Requirement R2. As with other new
regional Reliability Standards, the
Commission stated that it "expects that
the ERCOT regional difference will
include Requirements, Measures and
Levels of Non-Compliance sections."⁴

4. On September 18, 2013, NERC and
the Texas RE filed a joint petition
(Petition) seeking approval of regional

¹ *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk
Power System*, Order No. 693, 72 FR 16416 (Apr.
4, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242, at PP 313-
15 (2007), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 693-A, 120
FERC ¶ 61,053 (2007).

² Petition at 10.

³ Order No. 693, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242 at
PP 313-315.

⁴ *Id.* P 315.

Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01
(Primary Frequency Response),
implementation plan, and the associated
violation risk factors and violation
severity levels. The Petition states that
regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-
TRE-01 complies with the
Commission's directive in Order No.
693. The Petition further states that,
while the regional Reliability Standard
requires individual generators to
provide frequency response, it does not
restrict the balancing authority from
obtaining frequency response from other
sources to meet the Interconnection's
required level of performance.⁵

5. NERC states that the regional
Reliability Standard was developed and
approved by industry stakeholders
using the Texas RE *Texas Reliability
Entity Standards Development Process*,
approved by the Texas RE Board of
Directors on April 23, 2013, and
subsequently approved by the NERC
Board of Trustees on August 15, 2013.
NERC states that the proposed regional
Reliability Standard is applicable to
balancing authorities, generator owners,
and generator operators within the
footprint of the Texas RE in the ERCOT
Interconnection.

6. NERC asserts that regional
Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01
improves upon ERCOT's existing
practices for frequency response, is
necessitated by physical differences in
the ERCOT system and represents an
alternative, more stringent means of
ensuring frequency response
performance than the continent-wide
NERC Reliability Standard.⁶

7. Regional Reliability Standard BAL-
001-TRE-01 has ten requirements
related to: (1) identifying and posting
frequency measureable events
(Requirement R1); (2) calculating the
primary frequency response of each
resource in the Interconnection
(Requirement R2); (3) calculating the
Interconnection minimum frequency
response and monitoring the actual
frequency response of the
Interconnection (Requirements R3-R5);
(4) requiring resources to operate in
accordance with specified governor
deadband and droop parameters and to
promptly notify the balancing authority
of any change in governor status
(Requirements R6-R8); and (5)
providing primary frequency response
performance requirements for each
generator (Requirements R9-R10). The
requirements in BAL-001-TRE-01 work
together to help ensure that generation
and load remain balanced—or are
quickly restored to balance—in the

⁵ Petition at 11.

⁶ *Id.* at 3.

ERCOT Interconnection so that system frequency is restored to stability and near normal frequency even after a significant event occurs on the system.

8. NERC also seeks approval of the implementation plan for BAL-001-TRE-01, as follows. On the first day of the first calendar quarter that is 12 months following the effective date of BAL-001-TRE-01, the balancing authority, *i.e.*, ERCOT, and generator operators must be fully compliant with Requirements R1 and R8, respectively. Further, the implementation plan mandates that at least 50 percent of each generator owner's generating units/generating facilities must be compliant with Requirements R6 and R7 the first calendar quarter that is 12 months following the effective date of BAL-001-TRE-01. The balancing authority must become fully compliant with Requirements R2, R3, R4 and R5 the first calendar quarter that is 18 months following the effective date of BAL-001-TRE-01, and 100 percent of the generator owner's generating units/generating facilities must be compliant with Requirement R7 within this same time period. Compliance with Requirements R9 and R10 on at least 50 percent of the generator owner's generating units/generating facilities is required the first calendar quarter that is 24 months following the effective date of BAL-001-TRE-01. Similarly, 100 percent of the generator owner's units/generating facilities are required to be compliant with Requirements R9 and R10 the first calendar quarter that is 30 months following the effective date of BAL-001-TRE-01.

9. NERC's filing was noticed on September 23, 2013, with comments, interventions and protests due on or before October 15, 2013. No comments or protests were filed.

10. We approve regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 and the associated implementation plan, violation severity levels and violation risk factors. We find that the regional Reliability Standard is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest. Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 is a comprehensive frequency response standard that adequately addresses all applicable Commission directives and we believe it will protect and improve reliability in the ERCOT Interconnection

by enabling entities to maintain sufficient frequency response that can be made quickly available to arrest possible frequency excursions. We concurrently have approved Reliability Standard BAL-003-1, which addresses frequency response on a continent-wide basis.⁷ As noted in the approval of BAL-003-1, the method of obtaining frequency response in BAL-001-TRE-01 may provide balancing authorities the means to procure sufficient resources to satisfy their frequency response obligations if such challenges should occur.⁸ These are new Reliability Standards both nationally and for the ERCOT Interconnection. As with the national standard, because no regional standard existed previously, Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 represents a step forward in improving reliability of the Bulk-Power System in the ERCOT Interconnection.

11. The Commission also finds that NERC's proposed violation risk factors and violation severity levels for regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 are consistent with the Commission's established guidelines for review of proposed violation risk factors and violation severity levels, and find NERC's proposed implementation plan reasonable. Accordingly, we approve NERC's proposed violation risk factors, violation severity levels and implementation plan for Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01.

Information Collection

12. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations require approval of certain information collection requirements imposed by agency actions.⁹ Upon approval of a collection of information, OMB will assign an OMB control number and expiration date. Respondents subject to the filing requirement of this order will not be penalized for failing to respond to these collections of information unless the collections of information display a valid OMB control number. The Commission will submit these reporting and record keeping requirements to OMB for its review and

⁷ See *Frequency Response and Frequency Response Bias Setting Reliability Standard*, Order No. 794, 146 FERC ¶ 61,024.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ 5 CFR 1320.10.

approval under section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

13. This order is effective immediately; however, the revised information collection requirements will not be effective or enforceable until OMB approves the information collection changes described in this order. Comments are solicited within 60 days of the date this order is published in the **Federal Register** on the Commission's need for this information, whether the information will have practical utility, the accuracy of provided burden estimates, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and any suggested methods for minimizing the respondent's burden, including the use of automated information techniques. Submit comments following the Commission's submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp> and reference Docket No. RD13-12.

14. Regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 is more comprehensive than the existing continent-wide Reliability Standards addressing frequency response, BAL-001-0.1a and BAL-003-0.1b in that the regional standard includes additional requirements and applies to generator owners and generator operators as well as balancing authorities. The expanded applicability of the regional Reliability Standard, thus, increases the reporting burden for entities that operate within the ERCOT Interconnection.

15. *Burden Estimate*: Our estimate below regarding the number of respondents is based on the NERC compliance registry as of October 2013. According to the registry, the ERCOT region includes 40 generator owners, 14 generator operators, 75 generator owners that are also generator operators, and one balancing authority. Thus, we estimate that a total of 130 entities are potentially subject to the reporting requirements of BAL-001-TRE-01.

16. The information collection requirements the setting or configuration of the Control System software, identification and recording of events, data retention and submitting a report as outlined in the table below.

FERC-725T	Number of respondents ¹⁰	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual cost ¹¹
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) x (2) x (3)	
Maintain and submit Event Log Data	1			\$960
	BA	1	16	16	(\$60/hr.)
Modification to Governor Controller Setting/Configuration ..	114				\$75,440
	GO	1	8	920	One-time (\$82/hr.)
Evidence Retention	130				\$8,320
	BA/GO/GOP	1	2	260	(\$32/hr.)
TOTAL				1,196	\$84,720

Title: Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System

Action: Proposed revisions to FERC-725T.

OMB Control No: To Be Determined

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit institutions; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency of Responses: Modification to Governor Controller; once in the life of the equipment. Maintaining and Submitting Log Data; annually

Necessity of the Information: Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-01 satisfies certain prior directives of the Commission that include requirements concerning frequency response.

Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 [Attention: Ellen Brown, Office of the Executive Director, email: DataClearance@ferc.gov, Phone: (202) 502-8663, fax: (202) 273-0873].

By the direction of the Commission.

Dated: January 16, 2014.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD14-13-000]

North Wales Water Authority; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On January 27, 2014, the North Wales Water Authority filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act, as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The Meetinghouse Road Water Transfer NO 3 Station 29 In-

Pipe Hydropower Project would utilize an existing pipe paralleling the pressure reducing valve within Station 29 of North Wales Water Authority's water distribution system in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

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FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502-6778, email: christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) The existing Station 29 building; (2) one proposed 11-kilowatt turbine/generating unit to be place on an existing 12-inch bypass line; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 72 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

¹⁰ BA = Balancing Authority, GO = Generator Owner, GOP = Generator Operator.

¹¹ The estimates for cost per hour (rounded to the nearest dollar) are derived as follows:

- \$60/hour, the average salary plus benefits per engineer (from Bureau of Labor Statistics at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm).

- \$82/hour, the salary plus benefits per manager (from Bureau of Labor Statistics at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm).

- \$32/hour, the salary plus benefits per information and record clerks (from Bureau of Labor Statistics at http://bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_221000.htm).