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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD20-5-000

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North American Electric Reliability Corporation
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Attention: Lauren A. Perotti
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Tammy Cooper
Counsel for Texas Reliability Entity, Inc.

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-2

Dear Ms. Perotti and Ms. Cooper:

On March 11, 2020, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. (TRE) filed a joint petition seeking approval of proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-2 (Primary Frequency Response in the ERCOT Region). On March 17, 2020, NERC filed a supplement to the petition to add record of development information to the petition's Exhibit D.

NERC and TRE state that currently-effective regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-1 helps to establish and maintain adequate frequency response in the ERCOT Interconnection by ensuring prompt and sufficient frequency response from generating resources to stabilize frequency during changes in the system generation-demand balance. NERC and TRE explain that proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL-001-TRE-2 improves upon the currently-effective version by: (1) clarifying performance requirements for steam turbines of combined cycle facilities; and (2) clarifying the responsible entity for addressing Frequency Measurable Event exclusion requests. Additionally, NERC and TRE note that corresponding revisions and clarification are made in the Primary Frequency Response Reference Document.

NERC and TRE's filed petition was noticed on March 18, 2020, with interventions, comments and protests due on or before April 16, 2020. On March 19, 2020, as part of Commission's pandemic response, a notice of extension was issued to provide flexibility on certain deadlines until May 1, 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,

Andrew Dodge, Director
Office of Electric Reliability

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