

**NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD**

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**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION** by **NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION** for approval of its Reliability Standards, and an application by **NORTHEAST POWER COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.** for approval of its Regional Reliability Criteria

**BEFORE:**

 Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Chair  
Kulvinder S. Dhillon, P.Eng., Member  
Murray E. Doehler, CA, P.Eng., Member

**WHEREAS** the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. ("NPCC") applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (the "Board") on June 29, 2010, for approval of its Regional Reliability Criteria ("Criteria");

**AND WHEREAS** the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") applied to the Board on June 30, 2010 for approval of its Reliability Standards and associated Glossary of Terms ("Standards") to be applicable to users, owners, and operators of the bulk power system within the Province of Nova Scotia;

**AND WHEREAS** in its application, NERC also requested Board approval of the associated Violation Risk Factors ("VRFs") and the Violation Severity Levels ("VSLs");

**AND WHEREAS** the Board issued a Notice of Filings by advertisement in the Chronicle Herald newspaper on August 5, August 14 and August 19, 2010 and two Notices of Intervention were filed, one from Nova Scotia Power Incorporated ("NSPI") and the other from Quetta Inc.;

**AND WHEREAS** in a letter dated September 17, 2010, to NERC, NPCC and NSPI, the Board requested that NSPI propose a timeline for Board approval of the Standards and Criteria and NSPI, on October 15, 2010, submitted the proposed timeline;

**AND WHEREAS** Board staff issued Information Requests ("IRs") to NSPI, NERC and NPCC on January 20, 2011 and IRs were issued by NSPI to NERC and NPCC on the same date;

**AND WHEREAS** all IRs were responded to on February 10, 2011;

**AND WHEREAS** Final Submissions were filed by NSPI, NERC and NPCC on April 21, 2011;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board did not deem it necessary to hold an oral hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board was pleased to render its decision on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The Criteria filed by the NPCC are approved.
2. The Standards and associated Glossary of Terms filed by NERC are approved.
3. The Standards and the Criteria are mandatory and enforceable for users, owners and operators of the bulk power system in Nova Scotia.
4. The Board accepts the VRFs and VSLs for guidance only in the event the Board is required to review matters of compliance in future.

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

  
Clerk of the Board