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Request IR-1:

Please advise as to the status of the process for adoption of NERC standards in each of the other Canadian provinces.

Request IR-2:

Please describe the standard approval process for new NERC standards in the United States.

Request IR-3:

Please describe the standard approval process for new NERC standards in each of the provinces in Canada which have adopted NERC standards.

Request IR-4:

Aside from seeking the adoption of NERC standards in Canadian provinces, what other process initiatives is NERC pursuing in Canada? Please provide details of all such activities, and advise as to the status of these pursuits.

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Request IR-5:

From time to time NERC issues Compliance Notices which purport to direct certain action to be taken by Registered Entities. These notices contain the following provision:

This document is designed to convey compliance guidance from NERC's various activities. It is not intended to establish new requirements under NERC's Reliability Standards or to modify the requirements in any existing NERC Reliability Standards. Compliance will continue to be determined based on language in the NERC Reliability Standards as they may be amended from time to time. Implementation of this compliance application notice is not a substitute for compliance with requirements in NERC's Reliability Standards.

(a) Please advise as to the applicability of these Compliance Notices to Nova Scotia.

(b) Does NERC seek UARB approval of these Compliance Notices?

(c) Where a Compliance Notice may conflict with a UARB-approved Reliability Standard, does NERC agree that the UARB-approved Reliability Standards take precedence?

(d) What is the recourse for failure to comply with a Compliance Notice?

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Request IR-6:

From time to time NERC issues NERC Alerts which contain Recommendations to Registered Entities. NERC Alerts require Registered Entities to acknowledge receipt and to respond to NERC on a prescribed timeline with their plans as to how they will address the Recommendations by a deadline set by NERC.

(a) Please advise as to the applicability of these NERC Alerts in Nova Scotia.

(b) Does NERC seek UARB approval of these NERC Alerts?

(c) Where a Recommendation in a NERC Alert conflicts with a UARB-approved Reliability Standard, does NERC agree that the UARB-approved Reliability Standard takes precedence?

(d) What is the recourse for failure to comply with a NERC Alert?

Request IR-7:

What role does NERC expect to play in an enforcement proceeding before the UARB?

Request IR-8:

What role does NERC expect NPCC to play in an enforcement proceeding before the UARB?

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Request IR-9:

Please advise as to what role NERC and NPCC each play in other jurisdictions in Canada in enforcement proceedings.

Request IR-10:

What role will NERC and NPCC have in an NSPI capital application proceeding where a question as to the proper interpretation of a NERC Reliability Standard or NPCC Regional Reliability Criteria are in dispute?

Request IR-11:

If a less stringent interpretation is applied to a NERC standard in Nova Scotia than what is applied in the United States, what is NERC's position with respect to NSPI's compliance obligations?

Request IR-12:

What, if any, coordination activities are anticipated to be required with respect to NERC Reliability Standards and Regional Reliability Criteria among Canadian provinces?

Request IR-13:

The New Brunswick System Operator serves as the Reliability Coordinator for the Maritime Area under various NERC standards. NERC is seeking approval of these standards in Nova Scotia. Is it NERC's expectation that the UARB would have jurisdiction over the New Brunswick System Operator in respect of its Reliability Coordinator obligations to Nova Scotia?

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1 **Request IR-14:**

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3 **What process does NERC propose for adoption of future Reliability Standards in Nova**
4 **Scotia?**

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6 **Request IR-15:**

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8 **What process does NERC propose for amendments to Reliability Standards in Nova**
9 **Scotia?**

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11 **Request IR-16:**

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13 **At Section VI. Conclusion, NERC states, “NERC looks forward to working with the**
14 **Province of Nova Scotia to make its Reliability Standards mandatory and enforceable in**
15 **Nova Scotia. NERC also requests the Province to provide feedback on the adequacy of the**
16 **information provided with this filing and guidance on the appropriate information to be**
17 **included in future filings.” The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board is an independent**
18 **non-government regulatory body. NSPI understands that references in NERC’s**
19 **application to the Province of Nova Scotia are intended to refer to the UARB. Please**
20 **confirm that is correct.**

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