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Dear Mr. Williams:

M12293 – North American Electric Reliability Corporation – Quarterly Application for Approval of Reliability Standards – First Quarter 2025

M12436 – North American Electric Reliability Corporation – Quarterly Application for Approval of Reliability Standards – Second Quarter 2025

The Board Member assigned to this matter, Richard J. Melanson, LL.B., has reviewed the two above-referenced applications and the comments received from NS Power on July 24, 2025, and October 20, 2025, respectively. No other comments were received.

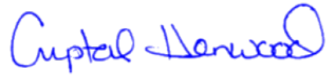
The Board notes that pursuant to s 67(2) of the *More Access To Energy Act*, the relevant parts of which came into effect on April 1, 2025, factors have been set out the Board must consider when determining an application for approval about reliability standards. These include the potential impact on the reliability of the bulk system, potential costs and benefits of approval and public interest considerations.

While the application materials filed by NERC and responses from NS Power address impacts on reliability, benefits of approval, and public interest considerations, the Board notes that with respect to CIP-015-1, NS Power indicates implementation "...will require capital project support as there is significant work to meet compliance..." NS Power goes on to say that a "...project will be submitted to the NSEB when appropriate and may include other NERC standards that require project support to be implemented."

The Board realizes costing is probably in a preliminary stage. That said, to address the statutory requirements, before making a final determination, the Board would ask that NS Power provide any information or estimates on the costs associated with implementing the reliability standards submitted by NERC for approval in matters M12293 and M12436 and NS Power's position on whether this range of costs is justified in the circumstances.

The Board requests a response by **Monday, November 17, 2025.**

Yours very truly,



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Clerk of the Board

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