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Dear Ms. Perotti:

**M12577 – North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) – Third Quarter 2025
– Application for Approval of Reliability Standards**

The Board reviewed the following filing from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), dated November 25, 2025:

- Application for Approval of Reliability Standards - Third Quarter 2025.

The Board understands that NERC is requesting approval of the following revised Reliability Standards:

Protection and Control (PRC)	
PRC-024-4	Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings for Synchronous Generators, Type 1 and Type 2 Wind Resources, and Synchronous Condensers
PRC-029-1	Frequency and Voltage Ride-through Requirements for Inverter-based Resources
Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP)	
EOP-012-3	Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations

The application also requested the retirement of certain Reliability Standards, EOP-012-2, which was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the third quarter of 2025. In addition, the application includes an updated list of currently effective *NERC Reliability Standards*, as approved by FERC, presented as Exhibit B.

Furthermore, NERC is requesting revisions to the *Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards* (NERC Glossary), which is provided as Exhibit C in the application. The

request includes the revised definitions for generator cold weather constraint and new definition of ride-through to the NERC Glossary.

The Reliability Standards and related definitions for which approval is being sought have gone through NERC's internal approval process and have also been approved by FERC.

The Board requested comments from Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NS Power) and the Independent Electricity System Operator Nova Scotia (IESO Nova Scotia), which were received on January 16, 2025.

Section 67(2) of the *More Access to Energy Act* came into effect on April 1, 2025. The provision stipulates that, prior to approval of reliability standards, the Board must consider their potential impact on the reliability of the bulk system, potential costs and benefits of approval and public interest considerations. The Board is satisfied that NERC's detailed description of the purpose of the Reliability Standards, why these standards were adopted, and the extensive process leading to their adoption, confirms that the Reliability Standards are important to maintain the reliability of the bulk transmission system. It is in the public interest that the reliability of the bulk transmission system be maintained in coordination with the other entities in the Northeastern Power Coordinating Council region. NS Power and the IESO Nova Scotia did not raise any concerns about implementation costs.

NS Power and IESO Nova Scotia stated that NERC Reliability Standards only become enforceable in Nova Scotia once approved by the Board. While NERC's applications typically include a table listing of the effective dates of each applicable Reliability Standard in the United States, NS Power, based on prior discussions with NERC counsel, has requested that, for clarity, the Board explicitly confirm the effective date in Nova Scotia within its Order when reviewing NERC's quarterly applications.

NS Power and IESO Nova Scotia recommended that the revised Reliability Standards and the retirement of Reliability Standards be approved and recommended the date for them to be made effective in Nova Scotia. NS Power recommended that the revised NERC Glossary be approved.

The Board has reviewed the applicable implementation plans and the calculation of the effective dates. Accordingly, the Board accepts NS Power's and IESO Nova Scotia's recommendations, and they are incorporated into Appendix 'A'. In addition, the standards proposed for retirement, along with their respective dates, are provided in Appendix 'B'.

As with past submissions, Board approval of the Reliability Standards does not extend to approval of associated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels.

Furthermore, both NS Power and IESO Nova Scotia responses noted that some of NS Power's NERC-registered roles will be transitioning to IESO Nova Scotia. However, Reliability Standards and other reliability functions must continue to be managed and enforced in accordance with NERC's guidelines. The Board strongly encourages NS Power and IESO Nova Scotia to work collaboratively to ensure that all applicable standards for which they are responsible are managed smoothly during this transition, and that



accountability and resources are allocated appropriately in line with NERC's expectations and those of this Board.

Yours very truly,



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- Charles Dickerson, NPCC
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- Mark Peachey, IESO Nova Scotia



APPENDIX "A"

LIST OF STANDARDS APPROVED

Reliability Standard	Description	NERC Effective Date (m/d/y)	Nova Scotia Effective Date (m/d//y)
Protection and Control (PRC)			
PRC-024-4*	Frequency and Voltage Protection Settings for Synchronous Generators, Type 1 and Type 2 Wind Resources, and Synchronous Condensers	10/01/2026	July 1, 2026
PRC-029-1*	Frequency and Voltage Ride-through Requirements for Inverter-based Resources	10/01/2026	July 1, 2026
Emergency Preparedness and Operations (EOP)			
EOP-012-3*	Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations	10/01/2025	July 1, 2026

*Standards not yet effective (NERC effective date) at the time of filing with the Board but had been approved by FERC with the future mandatory effective date indicated.



APPENDIX "B"

LIST OF RETIRED STANDARDS

Reliability Standard	Nova Scotia Retirement Date (m/d//y)
PRC-024-3	July 1, 2026
EOP-012-2	July 1, 2026

