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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Version Two Facilities Design,  
Connections and Maintenance  
Reliability Standards  
Docket Nos. RM08-11-002  
RM08-11-003

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Reference:

- (1) Compliance Filing of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation in Response to Order No. 722 Version Two Facilities Design, Connections, and Maintenance Reliability Standards, Docket No. RM08-11-003; and
- (2) Compliance Filing of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation in Response to Paragraphs 99 and 100 of Order No. 722 Version Two Facilities Design, Connections, and Maintenance Reliability Standards, Docket No. RM08-11-002.

Dear Ms. Michael:

1. On May 29, 2009, and on July 6, 2009, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed revised violation severity levels for approved Reliability Standards in response to Order No. 722.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Version Two Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,255 (2009) (Order No. 722).

2. In Order No. 722, as relevant here, the Commission approved the violation severity levels assigned to FAC-014-2 Requirements R1 through R4 as filed by NERC. In addition, the Commission directed NERC to develop revisions to specific violation severity level assignments. The Commission also directed NERC to review the violation severity levels for consistency with the Commission's violation severity level guidelines.<sup>2</sup>
3. On May 29, 2009, NERC filed revised violation severity level assignments in response to the Commission directive in Order No. 722. On July 6, 2009, NERC submitted a compliance filing in response to the Commission directive to review the violation severity level assignments for consistency with the Commission's guidelines.
4. Notice of the May 29, 2009 filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 74 Fed. Reg. 29,206 (2009) with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before July 6, 2009. Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) filed comments in which TANC identified several typographical inconsistencies. These typographical errors are identified in Attachment A to this letter order.
5. Notice of the July 6, 2009 filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 74 Fed. Reg. 34,335 (2009) with comments, protests or motions to intervene due on or before August 5, 2009. None was filed.
6. We accept NERC's May 29, 2009 and July 6, 2009 filings as in compliance with our directives in Order No. 722. We agree with TANC that NERC should revise the violations severity levels to correct the typographical inconsistencies identified by TANC. Accordingly, we direct NERC to submit a compliance filing containing the corrections noted in Appendix A within 30 days of the date of this order.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.* P 81 & n.4; see also *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 123 FERC ¶ 61,284, at P 17, *order on reh'g*, 125 FERC ¶ 61,212 (2008).

**Attachment A**

FAC-014 -2 Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits

Standard Number, Requirement Number, Requirement Text	Violation Risk Factor	Violation Severity Levels			
		Lower	Moderate	High	Severe
<b>FAC-014-2 R1.</b> The Reliability Coordinator shall ensure that SOLs, including Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits (IROLs), for its Reliability Coordinator Area are established and that the SOLs (including Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits) are consistent with its SOL Methodology.	<b>Medium</b>	There are SOLs, for the Reliability Coordinator Area, but from 1% up to but less than 25% of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Reliability Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R1)	There are SOLs, for the Reliability Coordinator Area, but 25% or more, but less than 50% of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Reliability Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R1)	There are SOLs, for the Reliability Coordinator Area, but 50% or more, but less than 75% of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Reliability Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R1)	There are SOLs for the Reliability Coordinator Area, but <del>one</del> <u>75%</u> or more of these the SOLs are inconsistent with the Reliability Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R1)
<b>FAC-014-2 R3.</b> The Planning Authority shall establish SOLs, including IROLs, for its Planning Authority Area that are	<b>Medium</b>	There are SOLs, for the Planning Coordinator Area, but from 1% up to, but less than, 25% of these SOLs are	There are SOLs, for the Planning Coordinator Area, but 25% or more, but less than 50% of these SOLs are inconsistent	There are Sols for the Planning Coordinator Area, but <del>10%</del> <u>50%</u> or more, but less than 75% of these SOLs	There are SOLs, for the Planning Coordinator Area, but 75% or more of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Planning

<p>consistent with its SOL Methodology.</p>		<p>inconsistent with the Planning Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R3)</p>	<p>with the Planning Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R3)</p>	<p>are inconsistent with the Planning Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R3)</p>	<p>Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R3)</p>
<p><b>FAC-014-2 R4.</b> The Transmission Planner shall establish SOLs, including IROLs, for its Transmission Planning Area that are consistent with its Planning Authority’s SOL Methodology.</p>	<p><b>Medium</b></p>	<p>The Transmission Planner has established SOLs for its portion of the Planning Coordinator Area, but up to 25% of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Planning Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R4)</p>	<p>The Transmission Planner has established SOLs for its portion of the Planning Coordinator Area, but 25% or more, but less than 50% of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Planning Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R4)</p>	<p>The Transmission Planner has established SOLs for its portion of the Reliability Coordinator Area, but 50% or more, but less than 75% of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Planning Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R4)</p>	<p>The Transmission Planner has established SOLs for its portion of the Planning Coordinator Area, but <del>one-75%</del> or more of these SOLs are inconsistent with the Planning Coordinator’s SOL Methodology. (R4)</p>