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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) submits this informational compliance filing to paragraph 77 of Order No. 693, issued by the Commission on March 16, 2007.<sup>1</sup> In paragraph 77, the Commission directed NERC to submit, within 90 days, “an informational filing that includes a complete set of regional definitions of bulk electric system and any regional documents that identify critical facilities to which the Reliability Standards apply (i.e., facilities below a 100 kV threshold that have been identified by the regions as critical to system reliability).” NERC is submitting this informational filing in compliance with that directive.

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<sup>1</sup> *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System*, Order No. 693, 118 FERC ¶61,218 (2007).

**6. SERC Reliability Corporation (“SERC”)**

**Does SERC use the definition of “bulk electric system” in the NERC *Glossary*?**

Yes, without additional criteria. The bulk electric system in the SERC region is generally defined as (i) the transmission lines and interconnections with neighboring systems, and associated equipment, that are operated at voltages of 100 kV or higher, and (ii) electric generation resources directly connected on the high side of the step up transformer to transmission facilities operated at voltages of 100 kV or higher. Radial transmission facilities serving only load with one transmission source are not included in this definition.

**Has SERC established criteria to supplement the NERC definition to identify critical facilities below 100 kV?**

No.

**Has SERC specifically identified any critical facilities below 100 kV?**

No.

**7. Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”)**

**Does SPP use the definition of “bulk electric system” in the NERC *Glossary*?**

Yes, with additional criteria. SPP uses the criteria specified in the NERC *Statement of Compliance Registry Criteria* with one modification, to section III.c.4 (“any generator, regardless of size, that is material to the reliability of the bulk power system”). Specifically, with respect to section III.c.4, SPP requires that any generator, regardless of size, that is included in capacity margin calculations by a SPP member must be registered. This requirement is applicable to SPP members only.

**Has SPP established criteria to supplement the NERC definition to identify critical facilities below 100 kV?**

See preceding response.