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Pursuant to Section 215(e)(4) of the Federal Power Act<sup>1</sup> and 18 C.F.R. § 39.10, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) and Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (“NPCC”) respectfully request Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) approval of proposed amendments to the NPCC Bylaws (the “Bylaws”), to take effect upon approval of the Commission.<sup>2</sup> These proposed amendments are the first set of changes to the NPCC Bylaws since 2012. As described in detail in this joint petition, the proposed amendments are designed to, among other things: (1) revise the Bylaws to improve corporate governance; (2) ensure consistency with the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York (“N-PCL”), pursuant to which NPCC is organized; and (3) update the Bylaws to remove extraneous provisions, create efficiencies, and reflect changes at NPCC since 2012.

NERC staff has determined there are no reliability-related issues raised by the proposed amendments. As amended, the NPCC Bylaws continue to satisfy the five governance criteria specified in Exhibit B to the Amended and Restated Delegation Agreement between NPCC and

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824o (2018).

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the Commission’s November 2, 2015 and March 23, 2016 orders in Docket Nos. RR15-12-000 and -001, Regional Entity bylaws and standard development procedures are no longer maintained as exhibits to the Regional Delegation Agreements. *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,135 (2015) and *N. Am. Elec. Reliability Corp.*, Docket No. RR15-12-001 (Mar. 23, 2016) (delegated letter order). NERC maintains an up-to-date copy of each Regional Entity’s bylaws and standard development procedure on its website at: <https://www.nerc.com/AboutNERC/Pages/Regional-Entity-Delegation-Agreements.aspx>.

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**Attachments 1 and 2** to this filing are clean and redline versions, respectively, of the revised NPCC Bylaws.

## **I. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Notices and communications with respect to this filing may be addressed to the following:

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## **II. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NPCC BYLAWS**

The following is an explanation of the proposed amendments to the NPCC Bylaws.<sup>3</sup>

### **1. ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.1 Definitions – NPCC is proposing to add three new defined terms to its Bylaws:

(1) “Electric Reliability Organization” or “ERO” (2) “NPCC Reliability Criteria,” and (3) “NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program.”

*Electric Reliability Organization/ERO* – The term *Electric Reliability Organization/ ERO* was added as it was already used in the Bylaws but not defined. The proposed definition is “the organization certified by FERC as defined in 18 C.F.R. §39.1.”

*NPCC Reliability Criteria and NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program* – As part of the proposed amendments, NPCC is replacing generic references to its

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<sup>3</sup> This section does not include a description of all non-substantive edits to correct grammar or similar changes. Those non-substantive changes are shown in the redline version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 2 to this filing.

regional Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program in Articles VI, IX and X with defined terms. NPCC develops regional Reliability Criteria that are necessary to implement, augment, or comply with NERC Reliability Standards, but which are not Reliability Standards. NPCC Regional Criteria also address reliability issues not within the scope of Reliability Standards, such as resource adequacy. NPCC's Reliability Criteria are developed and maintained pursuant to the NERC Rules of Procedure and are documented within Directories that organize the criteria along with functionally relevant supporting guidelines and procedures.

The proposed definition of "NPCC Reliability Criteria" is as follows:

NPCC's more stringent operating, design and protection criteria that are regionally specific reliability requirements that apply to the Full Members of NPCC that own or operate generation or transmission facilities for which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area and which have been identified utilizing an impact-based methodology.

The proposed definition of "NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program" is "the program in which Full Members of NPCC are obliged to certify compliance with a subset of NPCC Reliability Criteria that are being actively monitored."

NPCC is proposing to remove from its Bylaws all provisions related to compliance and enforcement hearings. Such provisions are not necessary for the NPCC Bylaws as they are addressed in other governing documents, including the Regional Delegation Agreement with NERC and in its Memorandums of Understanding or other agreements with Canadian governmental authorities. This includes the proposed deletion of two existing terms: "Hearing Body" and "Hearing Officer."

Additionally, NPCC is proposing edits to the definition of "Board Chair" (change "chairman" to "chair"), "Bulk Power System" (correct cite to the Federal Power Act), Bylaws (remove references to date of initial member approval and effective date) and "Northeastern North America" (to list out the states in New England). None of these changes alter the meaning of the

definitions or otherwise substantively modify the Bylaws.

Section 1.2 Additional Defined Terms (Deleted) – NPCC proposes to delete section 1.2 as there is no need to reference additional terms defined elsewhere. There are no defined terms in the amended Bylaws not defined therein.

## **2. ARTICLE II – OFFICES**

Section 2.2 Other Offices – NPCC proposes to add a new Section 2.2 (Other Offices) to permit NPCC to have offices other than its principal office in New York County. NPCC is initiating this change to reflect the necessity of remote/hybrid office environments due to the pandemic and ensure consistency with the N-PCL, which requires member meetings to be held at corporate offices.

## **3. ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

Section 3.2 Purpose – NPCC proposes to delete from the purpose statement references to NPCC “facilit[ating] the attainment of fair, effective and efficient competitive electric markets” in the development of “regionally specific reliability criteria.” That statement does not appropriately reflect NPCC’s purpose in developing regionally specific reliability criteria or otherwise. While the development of NPCC’s criteria should not adversely affect competitive electric markets, it is not NPCC’s purpose to facilitate the attainment of fair, effective and efficient electric markets.

## **4. ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 4.1 List of Members (Deleted) – NPCC proposes to delete the list of initial members currently included in Schedule A and the reference to Schedule A in Section 4.1. As membership lists change from time-to-time, any list included in the Bylaws will become outdated. As there is no requirement to include a list of members in the Bylaws, NPCC proposes to delete Section 4.1 and Schedule A.

Section 4.1 Eligibility (formerly Section 4.2) – The proposed amendments in new Section 4.1 are designed to simplify NPCC membership qualifications and delete extraneous information.

In Section 4.1(1) applicable to General Membership, NPCC proposes to:

- Remove references to the NERC Registered Ballot Body to clarify that General Membership is open to any person or organization with an interest in Northeastern North American Bulk Power System, not just NERC registered entities.
- Remove references to registered entities being “entitled to receive additional services from the Regional Entity Division of NPCC” as being a registered entity is not related to membership eligibility.

In Section 4.1(2) applicable to Full Membership, NPCC proposes to remove (1) the statement that Full Membership is available to General Members that “also participate in electricity markets in the international, interconnected bulk power system in Northeastern North America” as an eligibility requirement for Full Membership, and (2) that Full Members are subject to compliance with Reliability Standards. Full Membership should not require the participation in electricity markets and that phrase is ambiguous. Additionally, becoming a Full Member does not subject entities to compliance with Reliability Standards; being a NERC Registered Entity requires compliance with Reliability Standards.

Section 4.2 Application as a Member and Renewal of Membership (formerly Section 4.3) – The amendments to this section clarify the process for notice of termination of membership for non-renewal. NPCC proposes that failure to submit a renewal application upon request “may” result in membership termination and NPCC shall notify any person or entity that has its membership terminated in writing. The proposed amendment provides NPCC additional flexibility in managing its membership.

Section 4.4 Assignment to Voting Sector – The proposed amendment to his section would allow Members to request a change to their voting sector designation outside of the Annual Meeting of Members. This amendment would provide Members more flexibility in making such

a request.

Section 4.6 Termination of Membership – NPCC proposes to add a provision that would allow the NPCC Board to terminate membership if “the Member has failed to meet its respective qualifications, obligations, and conditions of Membership as set forth” in the Bylaws. This amendment improves NPCC’s governance of its Members by providing the NPCC Board the ability to terminate Members for non-compliance with the Bylaws.

## **5. ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION OF NPCC**

Section 5.3 Officers – NPCC proposes to amend this section to allow the NPCC Board, as opposed to NPCC Members, to approve officers annually and in the event of a vacancy. Providing the Board the ability to approve its own officers will provide a more efficient mechanism for approving Board officers and is consistent with NERC’s bylaws and common practice among corporate boards.

Section 5.5 Vacancies – NPCC proposes to combine the subparts of Section 5.5 such that if there is a vacancy in the Board or any position on the Board, the entire NPCC Board is responsible for filling that chair by a two-thirds affirmative majority of the weighted sector votes. Under the existing Bylaws, to fill a vacancy on the Board or in the office of Co-Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Board Chair would designate an individual with approval of a majority vote of the Board. The proposed amendment would simplify the process for filling a vacancy and treat all officers similarly.

## **6. ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 6.1 Hybrid Board – The amendment to this section clarifies that that the NPCC President and CEO is a non-voting member of the NPCC Board and any Board Committees. The current version of Section 6.1 does not include reference to Board Committees. The addition of



Board Committees removes any ambiguity as to the President and CEO's voting status on Board Committees.

Section 6.2 Term and Compensation – NPCC proposes to amend Section 6.2 to (1) remove reference to initial terms as they are no longer necessary in the Bylaws, and (2) raise the term limits for independent directors to four terms (two years per term). The higher term limits will provide for more continuity amongst the independent directors and improve Board oversight.

Section 6.3 Powers and Duties – In section 6.3, NPCC proposes to delete reference to (1) NPCC Board approval of the NPCC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program as any changes to that program are accomplished through changes to the NERC Rules of Procedure, which does not require NPCC Board approval, and (2) enlisting or employing NPCC Member personnel to carry out the purpose of NPCC as term "enlist" is vague and NPCC does not employ Member personnel. Any Member personnel that volunteer to assist NPCC is carrying out its mission (e.g., participating in a technical committee) need not be mentioned in this section of the Bylaws.

Section 6.5 Quorum and Voting Requirements for the Board – The only substantive change proposed in this section is to remove the ability for Board Directors to attend meetings via proxy so as to be consistent with the requirements of N-PCL, section 1605. While proxy voting allows more flexibility for members who otherwise may not be able to participate, it could also result in less participation by voting members when discussing an issue, which is of particular concern for issues when hearing differing perspectives is critical for members who are still deciding how to vote. Proxy voting can also negatively impact Director attendance at meetings. With the widespread use of virtual meetings allowing for increased flexibility for attending meetings, NPCC proposes to eliminate the use of proxies consistent with the N-PCL.

Section 6.6 Board Action Without Meeting – NPCC proposes to replace reference to “the minute book of NPCC” with “NPCC Board’s secure portal” to reflect NPCC’s record keeping practices.

Section 6.7 Election and Removal of Directors – NPCC proposes to amend this section to (1) delete reference to initial terms for Board Directors as they are no longer necessary, and (2) provide that grounds for removal of a Board director “for cause” applies to both Board duties and Board Committee responsibilities.

Section 6.8 Indemnification – The proposed amendments to this section would allow, but not require, indemnification of NPCC employees consistent with the N-PCL section 726.

## **7. ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

Section 7.1 Committees of the Corporation and Section 7.2 Board Committees – Section 7.1 currently lists both technical committees of the corporation and Board Committees. To avoid confusion, proposed section 7.1 lists the committees of the corporation and new section 7.2 lists the Board Committees.

Section 7.4 Board Committee Structure (formerly Section 7.3) – NPCC proposes to amend this section to require that Board Committees be comprised of at least three Board Directors, that each Board Committee shall have a chair designated from among the members of the Board Committee, and that each Board Committee have a charter (as opposed to a charter or a scope of work). These proposed amendments would add structure to the Board Committees and improve governance.

Section 7.4 Hearing Body (Deleted) – As noted above, NPCC is proposing to remove from its Bylaws all provisions related to compliance and enforcement hearings as such provisions are not necessary for the NPCC Bylaws and are addressed in other governing documents. As such,

this section, which states that the Hearing Body shall conduct all compliance proceedings, is being deleted.

## **8. ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERS' VOTING RIGHTS**

Section 8.4 Meeting of Members to be Open – NPCC is proposing to clarify that notice of Member meetings need not be posted on NPCC's website but can be accomplished via any Board-approved method. New technologies may be better suited to providing notice and the Bylaws should not limit use of those technologies moving forward.

## **9. ARTICLE IX - MEMBERS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

Section 9.1 Member Rights and Obligations – The proposed amendments to this section are mostly non-substantive changes (e.g., capitalize “General Membership”, change “ERO Standards” to “Reliability Standards”) and to clarify that references to “NPCC committees” is to the corporate committees (not Board Committees) and references to the “Compliance and Enforcement Program” is to the “NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program.”

Section 9.3 Procedures for Enforcing Compliance with Reliability Standards (Deleted) – NPCC proposes to delete the entirety of this section addressing enforcement of Reliability Standards. Compliance enforcement issues are addressed in other documents (i.e., NERC's Rules of Procedure and Regional Delegation Agreements) and not necessary for the Bylaws.

## **10. ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS**

Section 11.1 Meetings - NPCC proposes to amend this section to allow the NPCC Board and Member meetings to be held outside of New York. Holding meetings outside of New York is permitted under the N-PCL and will provide NPCC and its Members additional flexibility on meeting locations.

Section 11.3 Action by Remote Communication – NPCC proposes to modify the existing provision allowing NPCC Board to participate in meetings remotely to simplify the requirements and more closely track the N-PCL.

## **11. ARTICLE XV – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Section 15.1 Conflicts of Interest Policy – NPCC proposes to replace the existing provision on conflicts of interest with the following: “All Directors and NPCC representatives shall comply with NPCC’s policies that prohibit conflicts of interest including its Conflicts of Interest Policy.” This statement tracks more closely with the requirements of the N-PCL and explicitly references NPCC’s conflicts of interest policy, which includes the elements in the existing version of section 15.1.

## **12. ARTICLE XVI – GENERAL**

Section 16.3 Binding Nature (Deleted) – NPCC proposes to delete reference to Members being bound by the NPCC Bylaws because each Members rights and obligations are described in Article IX of the NPCC Bylaws.

## **13. ARTICLE XVIII – DISSOLUTION**

Section 18.1 Distribution of Assets – NPCC proposes to remove reference to the specific paragraph number of NPCC’s Certificate of Incorporation to allow for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation in the future without having to also amend the Bylaws.

### **III. NPCC AND NERC APPROVALS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

The NPCC Board approved the proposed Bylaw amendments on October 27, 2021, followed by NPCC Members’ approval on December 1, 2021. The NERC Board of Trustees approved the proposed amendment on February 10, 2022.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

NERC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed amendments to the NPCC Bylaws, as shown in **Attachments 1 and 2** to this filing.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
Amended NPCC Bylaws  
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**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**NORTHEAST POWER COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.**  
(a New York not-for-profit corporation)

Adopted on May 18, 2006

Amended on July 24, 2007

Amended on January 1, 2012

Amended on X, 2021

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF  
NORTHEAST POWER COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.  
(a New York not-for-profit corporation)**

**ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS**

1.1 Definitions. As used herein, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below:

“*Affiliate*” means, with respect to any entity, any other entity that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such entity, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board. For this purpose, “control” may be presumed by the direct or indirect ownership of ten percent (10%) or more of the outstanding voting capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power. Notwithstanding the foregoing, “Affiliate” excludes any entity wholly-owned or controlled by a Canadian Provincial government.

“*Board*” means the Board of Directors of NPCC.

“*Board Chair*” means the independent non-executive chair of the Board who is retained by NPCC pursuant to a separate Board-approved agreement.

“*Bulk Power System*” shall have the meaning in the United States set forth in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 824o et seq.), and such meaning in Canada as is consistent with applicable Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authority determinations.

“*Bylaws*” means these Amended and Restated Bylaws of NPCC.

“*Certificate of Incorporation*” means the Certificate of Incorporation of NPCC filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York, as may be amended from time to time.

“*ERO*” or *Electric Reliability Organization* means the organization certified by FERC as defined in 18 C.F.R. §39.1. “*FERC*” means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

“*Independent Director*” means a director who satisfies the “independence” criteria in Section 6.7(b) and serves in Sector 8 (*Independent Directors*) of the Board.

“*NERC*” means the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, or any successor entity, which has been certified by FERC as the ERO pursuant to Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 824o et seq.).

“*Northeastern North America*” means the geographical area within the perimeter border enclosing the states of New York, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, including any radial load or generation connecting to these systems.

“NPCC” means Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc.

“NPCC Reliability Criteria” means NPCC’s more stringent operating, design and protection criteria that are regionally specific reliability requirements that apply to the Full Members of NPCC that own or operate generation or transmission facilities for which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area and which have been identified utilizing an impact-based methodology.

“NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program” means the program in which Full Members of NPCC are obliged to certify compliance with a subset of NPCC Reliability Criteria that are being actively monitored.

“Stakeholder Director” means a director who serves in one of the seven (7) stakeholder sectors of the Board described in Section 4.4.

## ARTICLE II – OFFICES

2.1 Principal Office. The principal office of NPCC shall be located in New York County, State of New York.

2.2 Other Offices. NPCC may have other offices at such place or places as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint or the business of the corporation may require.

## ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

3.1 Not-for-Profit Corporation. NPCC is operated as a New York not-for-profit corporation and is organized pursuant to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York (“N-PCL”).

3.2 Purpose. The purpose of NPCC is to promote and enhance the reliable and efficient operation of the international, interconnected Bulk Power System in Northeastern North America through (i) the development of Regional Reliability Standards and compliance assessment and enforcement of continent-wide and Regional Reliability Standards, coordination of system planning, design and operations, and assessment of reliability, pursuant to an agreement with the Electric Reliability Organization (“ERO”) which designates NPCC as a Regional Entity and delegates authority from FERC, and by Memoranda of Understanding with applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities (collectively, “Regional Entity activities”), and (ii) the establishment of regionally-specific reliability criteria, and the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with such criteria (collectively, “Criteria Services activities”).

## ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Eligibility. Upon suitable application describing the nature and activities of the applicant, additional persons or entities shall be accepted by the Board as Members in the appropriate categories, defined as follows:

- (1) **General Membership** is voluntary and is open to any person or entity, including any person or entity that has an interest in the reliable operation of the Northeastern North American Bulk Power System.
- (2) **Full Membership** shall be available to entities which are General Members. Independent system operators (“*ISOs*”), regional transmission organizations (“*RTOs*”), Transcos and other organizations or entities that perform the Balancing Authority function operating in Northeastern North America are expected to be Full Members of NPCC. The New York State Reliability Council and any other sub-regional reliability councils which may be formed are also expected to be Full Members. Full Members are subject to compliance with regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria for their generation and transmission facilities on which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area and which are identified utilizing a reliability impact-based methodology. Full Members are entitled to receive additional services from the Criteria Services division of NPCC.

#### 4.2 Application as a Member and Renewal of Membership.

(a) Any person or entity that is eligible to become a Member of NPCC in accordance with Section 4.1 may become either a General Member or a Full Member by completing and submitting to NPCC a membership application on a form prescribed by the Board. Any person or entity that applies to NPCC as a Member shall comply with the conditions and obligations of Membership specified in these Bylaws. As an additional condition of Membership in NPCC, each person or entity registering as a Member shall execute an agreement with NPCC, in a form to be specified by the Board, that such person or entity will hold harmless all Directors, officers, employees and agents of NPCC, as well as volunteers participating in good faith in the activities of NPCC, to the extent permitted by U.S. federal or Canadian Provincial laws, rules and regulations, for any injury or damage caused by any act or omission of any Director, officer, employee, agent or volunteer in the course of performance of his or her duties on behalf of NPCC, other than for acts of gross negligence, intentional misconduct or a breach of confidentiality.

(b) If not a natural person, the Member shall designate a representative and an alternate representative with authority to receive notices, cast votes, execute waivers and consents, and enter into binding agreements on behalf of the Member. NPCC shall maintain a current roster of the Members of NPCC, including each Member’s designated representative and alternate representative.

(c) From time to time, the Board may establish a date by which Members shall submit their application renewals. All Members shall confirm their applications within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of receipt of a request by NPCC, using an application renewal form prescribed by the Board. Any Member that has not submitted an application renewal within thirty (30) calendar days following the date established by the Board may have its Membership terminated. NPCC shall notify any person or entity that has its Membership terminated pursuant to this Section 4.2(c), by written notice sent to such former Member’s last known address on the records of NPCC.

4.3 Voting. Members are eligible to vote in one of the seven (7) stakeholder voting sectors described below:

**Sector (1).** Transmission Owners: This voting sector shall consist of any entity within Northeastern North America that owns at least 200 circuit miles of integrated transmission facilities or has an Open Access Transmission Tariff or equivalent on file with the FERC or the appropriate regulatory or governmental authority. This sector includes transmission owners that have placed their transmission under the operational control of an ISO/RTO, independent transmission companies or merchant transmission owners/developers.

**Sector (2).** Reliability Coordinators: This voting sector shall consist of any entity within Northeastern North America certified as a Reliability Coordinator.

**Sector (3).** Transmission Dependent Utilities (“TDUs”); Distribution Companies and Load-Serving Entities (“LSEs”). This voting sector shall consist of entities within Northeastern North America that are:

- a. Entities with a regulatory contract, or other legal obligation to serve wholesale aggregators or end-use customers, and that depend primarily on the transmission systems of third parties to provide this service;
- b. Agents or associates that represent groups of TDUs;
- c. Electric distribution companies;
- d. Entities serving end-use customers under a regulated tariff, a contract governed by a regulatory tariff, or other legal obligation to serve; or Members of a generation and transmission (“G&T”) cooperative or a joint-action agency permitted to designate the G&T or joint action agency to represent such entities in this sector.

**Sector (4).** Generator Owners: This voting sector shall consist of entities within Northeastern North America that are affiliated and/or independent generators.

**Sector (5).** Marketers, Brokers and Aggregators: This voting sector shall consist of entities within Northeastern North America that are:

- a. Entities providing energy to end-use customers under a power marketing agreement or other authorization not classified as a regulated tariff;
- b. Entities that buy, sell, or broker energy and related services for resale in wholesale or retail markets, whether a non-jurisdictional entity operating within its charter or an entity licensed by a jurisdictional regulator; or
- c. Generation and transmission cooperatives and joint-action agencies that perform an electricity broker, aggregator, or marketer function.

**Sector (6).** State and Provincial Regulatory and/or Governmental Authorities: This voting sector shall consist of state and Provincial regulatory or governmental authorities within Northeastern North America.

**Sector (7).** Sub-Regional Reliability Councils, Customers, Other Regional Entities and Interested Entities: This voting sector shall consist of:

- a. Any entity within Northeastern North America authorized by an appropriate regulatory and/or governmental authority to be a Sub-Regional Reliability Council;
- b. Entities or customers that take delivery of energy that is not purchased for resale within Northeastern North America;
- c. Agents or associations representing groups of large end users within Northeastern North America;
- d. Agents, state consumer advocates, or other advocate groups representing groups of small customers within Northeastern North America;
- e. Any other Regional Entity; or
- f. Any person or entity, including any entity participating in the Registered Ballot Body of the ERO, that has an interest in the reliable operation of the bulk power system in Northeastern North America.

4.4 Assignment to Voting Sector. A new applicant for Membership shall request to be assigned to a stakeholder voting sector, subject to Board approval. An applicant may request to be assigned to any stakeholder voting sector so long as Membership in that stakeholder voting sector is consistent with the applicant's business or other activities within the NPCC region. Multiple Memberships of separate business functions of an entity are permitted, with each business function assigned to the appropriate separate sector. Each such business function may designate its own representative and alternate, however, no representative and alternate can represent more than one business function of an entity in a stakeholder voting sector. A consultant, attorney, agent, vendor, trade or industry association, state, provincial or local consumer advocate organization that provides services to or otherwise represents the interests of the Members of one or more stakeholder voting sectors may elect to be assigned to one such stakeholder voting sector subject to Board approval. Members may request to change their stakeholder voting sector designation, subject to Board approval.

4.5 Term of Membership. Membership in NPCC shall be retained so long as Member meets its respective qualifications, obligations, and conditions of Membership as set forth in these Bylaws.

4.6 Termination of Membership. In addition to a termination for non-renewal pursuant to Section 4.2(c), the Board may terminate the membership if, in the judgment of the Board, the Member has failed to meet its respective qualifications, obligations, and conditions of Membership as set forth in these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION OF NPCC**

5.1 Member Representatives. Each Member shall designate a senior executive level representative and an alternate representative with full authority to act on its behalf in carrying out the work of NPCC.

5.2 Board of Directors. The business and affairs of NPCC shall be managed under the direction of the Board.

5.3 Officers. The officers of NPCC shall consist of a President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a Secretary and a Treasurer, with assistants as appropriate, and such additional officers as may be approved by the Board. Officers, except for the President and CEO, shall hold office for one (1) year, or in the event of a vacancy, until their successors are duly approved and qualified.

5.4 President and CEO. NPCC shall employ a President and CEO and staff, as required, to carry out NPCC's mission and to perform the functions of NPCC. The President and CEO shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve at the Board's discretion. In the event of a vacancy in the position of President and CEO, the Board shall appoint an interim President and CEO who shall serve until such time as the Board appoints a new President and CEO. The authority and responsibilities of the President and CEO shall be defined by the Board.

5.5 Vacancies. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Board or Board Chair, or in the office of Secretary, Treasurer or other officers as determined by the Board, the Board may fill such vacancy by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority of the weighted sector votes, with each Director casting (1) vote within the applicable sector, at a meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present. The term of office of a person designated to fill any such vacancy shall extend until such person's successor is approved and qualified. The authority and responsibilities of the Board Chair shall be defined by the Board and set forth in a separate agreement approved by the Board.

5.6 NPCC Activities. NPCC engages in (i) Regional Entity activities, which are conducted by its Regional Entity division, and (ii) Criteria Services activities, which are conducted by its Criteria Services division.

## **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6.1 Hybrid Board.

(a) The Board shall consist of fourteen (14) Stakeholder Directors, two (2) Independent Directors, an independent Board Chair and the President and CEO.

(b) While serving on the Board or its Committees, the President and CEO shall not be entitled to vote on any Board or Board Committee matters.

(c) Two (2) Co-Vice Chairs from different voting sectors on the Board shall be selected by the Directors and approved by a vote of the entire membership. In the temporary absence of the Board Chair, a Vice Chair designated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors shall perform the duties of the Board Chair. The Co-Vice Chairs shall retain the voting rights that they otherwise held by virtue of serving as a Director.

## 6.2 Term and Compensation.

(a) The term of office of each Stakeholder Director shall be two (2) years. There shall be no limit on the number of terms which may be served by any Stakeholder Director. Stakeholder Directors shall serve without compensation, including when performing duties of a Co-Vice Chair.

(b) The term of office of each Independent Director shall be two (2) years. Independent Directors may serve up to four (4) terms for a maximum of eight (8) years. Each Independent Director shall be entitled to receive compensation as the Board may from time to time determine in its sole discretion.

(c) The term of office of the Board Chair shall be two (2) years, with no limitations on the number of terms that may be served. Compensation arrangements of the Board Chair shall be contained in a separate written agreement approved by the Board.

## 6.3 Powers and Duties.

(a) The Board shall develop NPCC policies, direct the activities of NPCC, accept additional entities as Members, review and approve or modify Member voting sector assignment, and make assignments to the committees of NPCC. The Board shall (i) approve a Regional Delegation Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the ERO that delegates authority from FERC and any additional agreements with appropriate Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities, (ii) approve and oversee NPCC's Regional Reliability Standard Processes Manual and submit Regional Standards to the ERO for approval by FERC and appropriate Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities, (iii) oversee the assessment and enforcement of mandatory compliance with Reliability Standards consistent with the Regional Delegation Agreement and agreements with Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities, and (iv) oversee NPCC's assessment and enforcement of mandatory compliance with regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria through administration of the NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program. The duties of the Board shall also include consideration and resolution of budgetary matters, including the levying of any special assessments and the determination of any annual membership fee for Full Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may not amend these Bylaws or establish, modify or eliminate any of NPCC's Regional Reliability Standards or regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria; nor may the Board add, modify, or eliminate voting sectors established pursuant to these Bylaws.

(b) To carry out the purposes of NPCC, the Board, acting through the President and CEO and NPCC staff shall, incur such administrative expenses, and retain such independent professional consulting services for NPCC and the committees of NPCC as it may deem desirable.

6.4 Board Composition. The Board shall consist of an independent Board Chair, the President and CEO, such officers as shall from time to time be determined by the Board, and Directors in eight (8) voting sectors comprising seven (7) stakeholder sectors and one (1) independent sector, as described below:

**Sector (1).** Transmission Owners (Maximum of 2, with no more than 1 per Balancing Authority Area)

**Sector (2).** Reliability Coordinators (Maximum of 2)



**Sector (3).** Transmission Dependent Utilities; Distribution Companies and Load-Serving Entities (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (4).** Generator Owners (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (5).** Marketers, Brokers and Aggregators (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (6).** Regulators (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (7).** Sub-Regional Reliability Councils, Customers, Other Regional Entities and Interested Entities (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (8).** Independent Directors (Maximum of 2)

#### 6.5 Quorum and Voting Requirements for the Board.

(a) At any meeting of the Board, attendance in person by at least one-half (1/2) of the Stakeholder Directors in each of at least sixty percent (60%) of the stakeholder sectors and at least one (1) Independent Director shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise expressly provided in NPCC's Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws or applicable law, actions by the Board shall be approved upon receipt of a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority of the weighted sector votes, with each Director casting one (1) vote within the applicable sector, at a meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present. The Board Chair shall also be entitled to cast one (1) vote during any meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present to prevent any deadlock. The following process shall be used to determine if there are sufficient affirmative votes:

- The number of votes cast is the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions.
- The number of affirmative votes cast in each voting sector will be divided by the sum of affirmative and negative votes cast in that voting sector to determine the fractional affirmative vote for each voting sector. Abstentions will not be counted for the purposes of determining the fractional affirmative vote for a voting sector.
- The sum of the fractional affirmative votes from all sectors divided by the number of sectors voting will be used to determine if a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority has been achieved. A sector will be considered as "voting" if any Director of the sector casts either an affirmative or a negative vote.

(b) An action of the Board will be approved if the sum of fractional affirmative votes from all sectors divided by the number of voting sectors is at least two-thirds (2/3).

6.6 Board Action Without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents (which may be in electronic form) describing the action taken, signed by each Director, and included in the NPCC Board's secure portal. Any action taken under

this Section 6.6 shall be deemed effective when the last Director signs the consent unless the consent specifies a different effective date.

#### 6.7 Election and Removal of Directors.

(a) Stakeholder Directors shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the Members in the respective stakeholder sector. No stakeholder sector shall elect more than two Stakeholder Directors in such sector. No Member or any Affiliate of a Member may designate more than one (1) Stakeholder Director to represent such Member or Affiliate. Stakeholder Director candidates will be selected in accordance with the Rules of Procedure set forth in Schedule A.

(b) Individual Members may nominate an Independent Director candidate by petition. Each petition shall present only one Independent Director candidate who has met requirements in the Rules of Procedure set forth in Schedule A. Petitions shall be received by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee on a date set by the committee. The names on the petition shall reflect at least ten percent (10%) of the Members of NPCC as of January 1 of the year in which the election is to be held. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee shall add the petitioned candidate's name to the slate of director nominees to be presented to the Members for approval at the Annual Meeting of Members.

(c) Independent Directors shall be nominated in accordance with the Rules of Procedure set forth in Schedule A and recommended by the Board to the Members for consideration and approval. In order to contribute to the effective functioning of the Board and NPCC, Independent Directors will be drawn from diverse backgrounds and will possess a broad range of industry expertise, perspectives, experiences, skill sets and knowledge. An individual is eligible to serve as an Independent Director if such individual (i) is not an officer or employee of NPCC, (ii) is not an officer, director or employee of a Member, (iii) is not an officer, director or employee of any entity that would reasonably be perceived as having a direct financial interest in the outcome of Board decisions, and (iv) does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in performing the responsibilities of a director. Independent Directors shall be elected by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Members present at a meeting where a quorum exists.

(d) A Stakeholder Director may be removed for cause by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Members in their respective sector at a regular meeting of the Members or at a special meeting called for that purpose; *provided* that there is a quorum of that sector's Members present at that meeting; and *provided, further*, that there is a quorum of not less than a majority present at the meeting of Directors at which such action is recommended.

(e) An Independent Director may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present at a meeting called for that purpose; *provided* that there is a quorum of not less than ten (10) Directors present at the meeting of Directors at which such action is taken.

(f) For purposes of Section 6.7(d) and (e), grounds for removal "for cause" include, but are not limited to, failure to adequately perform either Board duties or Board Committee responsibilities, a felony conviction, misappropriation of funds, mental incapacity, and misconduct. In accordance with the

N-PCL, an action to procure a judgment removing any Director for cause may also be brought by the Attorney General of the State of New York.

6.8 Indemnification. Subject to the limitation set forth in Section 6.9 below, NPCC shall indemnify its Directors, officers and other corporate agents, (collectively, “*NPCC Indemnitees*”), and may indemnify employees, in each case, up to the full extent permitted by the N-PCL and other applicable law. Such right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the legal representative of any NPCC Indemnitee. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not in restriction or limitation of, any right such NPCC Indemnitee may have under applicable law (including the N-PCL).

6.9 Limitation on Indemnification. The maximum amount of losses (*e.g.*, damages, judgments, fines, penalties, liability, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses) for which NPCC will be obligated to indemnify the NPCC Indemnitees under Section 6.8 will be the policy limit of directors’ and officers’ (“*D&O*”) liability insurance set forth in the D&O insurance policy maintained by NPCC.

## **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**

7.1 Committees of the Corporation. NPCC shall have such technical committees, subcommittees, task forces and other working groups, which may include a Regional Standards Committee (“*RSC*”), a Compliance Committee (“*CC*”) and a Reliability Coordinating Committee (“*RCC*”).

7.2 Board Committees. NPCC shall have the following Board Committees and may have additional Board Committees, as determined by the Board.

- (a) Finance and Audit Committee
- (b) Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee
- (c) Management Development and Compensation Committee
- (d) Pension Committee

7.3 Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) members of the Board and shall include one (1) Director which shall be designated a finance and audit committee financial expert by the Board. A chairperson of the Finance and Audit Committee shall be designated by the Board from among the members of the committee.

7.4 Board Committee Structure. Board Committees shall be comprised of at least three Board Directors. Board Committee members shall be nominated and approved by the Board in accordance with guidelines established by the Board. Each Board Committee shall have a chair designated by the Board from among the members of the Board Committee. Quorum and voting rules applicable to the Board shall also apply to voting on any such Board Committee, unless otherwise determined by the Board. Each Board Committee shall establish a charter, which shall be presented to the Board for approval.

## **ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERS' VOTING RIGHTS**

### **8.1 Quorum and Voting Requirements for Meetings of Members.**

(a) At any meeting of the Members of NPCC, attendance in person or by proxy by one-half (1/2) of the Members in each of at least sixty percent (60%) of the stakeholder voting sectors on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise expressly provided in NPCC's Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws or applicable law, actions by the Members of NPCC shall be approved upon receipt of a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority vote of the sectors at a meeting of the Members of NPCC at which a quorum is present, where (i) each Member shall have one (1) vote within a sector, except that if less than one-half (1/2) of the Members in a sector are present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting, the vote of that sector shall be weighted by a percentage equal to the number of Members of the sector present in person or by proxy at the meeting divided by one-half (1/2) of the Members in the sector; (ii) the vote of each sector of NPCC shall be allocated for and against the proposed action based on the respective percentages of votes cast for and against the proposed action by the Members in that sector voting in person or by proxy; and (iii) the proportions of the votes of each sector allocated for and against the proposed action shall be summed to determine the total number of votes for and against the proposed action.

- (b) The following process shall be used to determine if there are sufficient affirmative votes:
- The number of votes cast will be the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions.
  - The number of affirmative votes cast in each sector will be divided by the sum of affirmative and negative votes cast to determine the fractional affirmative vote for each sector. Abstentions will not be counted for the purposes of determining the fractional affirmative vote for a sector.
  - The sum of the fractional affirmative votes from all sectors divided by the number of sectors voting will be used to determine if a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority has been achieved. (A sector will be considered as "voting" if any Member of the sector casts either an affirmative or a negative vote.)

8.2 **Waivers of Notice of Meetings of Members; Member Meeting Adjournments.** Notice of a Meeting of Members need not be given to any Member who signs a waiver of notice, in person or by proxy, whether before or after the meeting. The attendance of any Member at a meeting, in person or by proxy, without protesting prior to the conclusion of the meeting the lack of notice of such meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting by such Member. When any Meeting of Members is adjourned to another time or place, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, and if at the adjourned meeting only such business is transacted as might have been transacted at the original meeting.

8.3 **Actions Without a Meeting of Members.** Any action, required or permitted to be taken at a Meeting of Members, may be taken without a meeting if the action is consented to in writing by the minimum number of Members that would be required to approve the action at a Meeting of Members at

which all Members were present. The call for action without a Meeting of Members may be initiated by the Board Chair or by a number of Members constituting at least ten percent (10%) of the Members on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC, which number shall include Members in at least four (4) of the voting sectors. Notice of the proposal for action without a meeting shall be provided to all Members on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC at least seven (7) days prior to the date established for the tabulation of consents. The Members shall receive written notice of the results within fourteen (14) days of the action vote, and all written responses of the Members shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of Members.

8.4 Meeting of Members to be Open. Notice to the public of the dates, places, and times of Meetings of Members, and all non-confidential material provided to the Members, (via a BOD approved method) shall be given at approximately the same time that notice is given to the Members. Meetings of Members shall be open to the public, subject to reasonable limitations due to the availability and size of in-person meeting facilities; *provided* that the meeting may be held in or adjourn to closed session to discuss matters of a confidential nature, including, but not limited to, personnel matters, compliance and enforcement matters, litigation, or commercially sensitive or critical energy infrastructure information of any entity.

8.5 Electronic Voting. Upon completion of applicable processes that permit parties to comment on the subject issue(s), electronic voting on matters before the Members, Board or any committee is permitted. A quorum will be determined to exist for purposes of conducting an electronic vote when NPCC receives completed ballots from two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of outstanding ballots. In the event that a quorum exists for purposes of an electronic vote but the matter has not been resolved, NPCC may continue to solicit additional responses in order to resolve the matter by electronic voting. In the event that quorum has not been achieved for purposes of an electronic vote, NPCC may continue to solicit electronic ballots, including abstentions, to obtain quorum and resolve the matter.

## **ARTICLE IX - MEMBERS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

9.1 Members' Rights and Obligations. All General and Full Members shall have the following rights and obligations:

- (1) Rights:
  - a. Attendance at all meetings of the General Membership of NPCC; and, subject to procedures established by the committees and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements, attendance at meetings of NPCC's committees of the corporation, task forces and any other such NPCC groups.
  - b. Access to minutes of each committee of the corporation, subcommittee, task force or any other NPCC group, subject to procedures established by the committees and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements.
  - c. Vote to amend these Bylaws in accordance with Section 19.1.
  - d. Vote to establish, modify or eliminate NPCC Regional Reliability Standards and programs.

- e. For Full Members only: Vote to establish, modify or eliminate NPCC's regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria.

(2) Obligations:

- a. Each Member shall agree, in writing, to accept the responsibility to promote, support, and comply with the purposes and policies of NPCC as set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws as from time to time adopted, approved or amended.
- b. Each Member acknowledges that it has the responsibility to plan and design its bulk power system components, where applicable, and conduct its operations, consistent with its registration, in compliance with Reliability Standards, Regional Reliability Standards and Regional Variances consistent with applicable laws, regulations, permits and licenses.
- c. Each Member agrees to submit such data and reports as required by NPCC in order to perform compliance enforcement obligations delegated to it by the ERO, subject to established procedures and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements.
- d. In addition, each Full Member shall:
  - (i) plan and design its generation and transmission facilities on which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area, as identified utilizing a reliability impact-based methodology, in compliance with criteria, guides and procedures established by NPCC and applicable Reliability Standards;
  - (ii) conduct its operations in compliance with criteria, guides and procedures established by NPCC and applicable Reliability Standards, and consistent with applicable laws, regulations, permits and licenses;
  - (iii) assure that, whenever it enters into arrangements with non- Members which could have an impact on the reliability of the international, interconnected Bulk Power System in Northeastern North America, the arrangements will not adversely impact the ability of the Full Members to comply with regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria established by NPCC, Reliability Standards, or the criteria of regional reliability organizations established in areas in which the facilities used for such arrangements are located;
  - (iv) notify NPCC of its existing facilities and operating procedures and of its plans for major additions or modifications affecting the operation of the interconnected systems; and shall report to NPCC any decision as to significant alterations or changes proposed for their respective electric systems, whether in generation, transmission, inter-system communication or control and protective equipment, or in operating procedures; such report to be submitted promptly and, except in cases

of emergency, before final commitments are undertaken or changes in operating procedures become effective;

- (v) promptly notify NPCC and all other Members in writing or electronically if its generation and transmission facilities on which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area, as identified utilizing a reliability impact-based methodology, are not being designed or operated, or its operations are not being conducted, in compliance with criteria, guides, and procedures established by NPCC, stating its reasons, and providing its plan and schedule to achieve compliance;
- (vi) submit such data and reports as required by the NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program and to abide by the compliance assessments and sanctions prescribed by NPCC's Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program procedures, subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution; and
- (vii) undertake and perform the administrative and financial obligations described in Article XIII of these Bylaws.

9.2 Regional Standard Processes Manual. NPCC's Regional Standard Processes Manual that provides the design-basis approach to a consensus building process by which NPCC may develop Regional Reliability Standards and Regional Variances to be proposed to the ERO for approval by the FERC and the Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities.

## **ARTICLE X - FULL MEMBERS: ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH REGIONALLY-SPECIFIC CRITERIA**

10.1 Compliance Enforcement. Subject to approval of the Full Members, NPCC shall establish an NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program, including matrices for measuring compliance, levying non-monetary sanctions, and developing procedures for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Such program shall be administered by the Board. The Reliability Coordinating Committee, with the full cooperation of each Member, shall expeditiously evaluate, as appropriate, alterations or measures designed to correct any assessed non-compliance and shall report such studies to the Board.

## **ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS**

11.1 Meetings. Meetings of NPCC may be held on such dates as the Board may from time to time determine and shall be held in such places as the Board may from time to time designate, in the state or outside the state. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the Board Chair, the Board or by a number of Members constituting at least ten percent (10%) of the Members on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC, which number shall include Members in at least four (4) of the voting sectors. Except as provided in Section 19.1, notice of all meetings, stating the time and place, shall be given by NPCC in writing to each Member by issuing the notice at least one (1) week prior to the date of the

meeting. The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or, in their absence, a secretary *pro tempore* designated by either the Board Chair or the President and CEO, shall keep the records of NPCC meetings.

11.2 Proxies. When appropriate, Members may appoint a proxy, consistent with NPCC proxy procedures, to vote or otherwise act for such Member at any meeting. Such participation by proxy shall constitute attendance for purposes of quorum requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, proxy voting by Directors and Board Committee members is not permitted.

11.3 Action by Remote Communication. Participation by remote communication shall constitute presence in person at a meeting of the Board as long as all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and each can participate in all matters, including, without limitation, the ability to propose, object to, and vote upon a specific action to be taken by the Board.

## **ARTICLE XII - BUDGET**

12.1 Annual Budget. The Board shall cause to be prepared an annual budget for the administrative and other expenses of NPCC, including the expenditures for the fiscal year for any material special projects undertaken by NPCC and reasonable and proper reserves and provisions for contingencies, an accompanying business plan for NPCC, and a funding mechanism including any supplemental funding mechanism, for each fiscal year. The annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism of NPCC shall be developed in the form and format and on the schedule stipulated by the ERO for a fiscal year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31. Each annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism shall be approved by the Board at a regular meeting or a special meeting of the Board duly called for that purpose. The Board shall approve each annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism on or before the date stipulated by the ERO during the year prior to the start of the fiscal year in order to allow for timely submittal of the approved annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism to the FERC and the applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities.

12.2 Budget Remands. If the ERO or a regulatory and/or governmental authority by order remands an annual budget, business plan, or annual, modified, or supplemental funding mechanism, the Board shall promptly address such order through appropriate follow-up measures with the Members and regulatory and/or governmental authorities.

12.3 Criteria Services Budget. Each Full Member shall be notified of the annual administrative expense budget for the Criteria Services division, on or about December 1 of the preceding year.

## **ARTICLE XIII - FUNDING**

13.1 Funding Sources. NPCC's annual administrative expenses, including any special assessments approved by the Board, shall be apportioned and funded as follows:

- (a) Funding of NPCC Regional Entity division activities shall be through mechanisms established by the ERO, FERC and applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities.
- (b) General Members shall not be assessed an annual membership fee.



- (c) Full Members, other than Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function, shall not be assessed an annual membership fee.
- (d) Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function shall be assessed and pay a proportional share of the expenses for criteria services in proportion to the ratio of the second previous year's Net Energy for Load within the Balancing Authority Area to the aggregate Net Energy for Load within all Balancing Authority Areas in Northeastern North America. NPCC will directly assign Criteria Services division costs to a Balancing Authority Area or Full Member where significant costs are incurred by NPCC for such Balancing Authority Area or Full Member.
- (e) No Full Member shall, without its consent, be responsible for expenses of NPCC in any one calendar year in excess of its assessed portion of the amount budgeted for the Criteria Services division for that year; *provided, however*, that special assessments may be separately budgeted and their cost allocated by the Board to the Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function.

**ARTICLE XIV - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND  
CESSATION OF CRITERIA SERVICES DIVISION RELIABILITY ACTIVITIES**

14.1 Termination. All General Members and Full Members, other than Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function, may terminate their Membership in NPCC at any time upon fifteen (15) days' written or electronic notice to NPCC. A Full Member that performs the Balancing Authority function may terminate its rights and obligations under these Bylaws (other than its obligation to pay its proportionate share of the Criteria Services division expenses of NPCC, including special assessments, if applicable, for the full calendar year within which such termination is effective) at any time upon one (1) year's written notice to the President and CEO; whereupon, it shall cease to be a Full Member of NPCC as of the date such termination is effective. The President and CEO shall promptly inform all Members of receipt of any such notices.

14.2 Cessation of Criteria Services Division Reliability Activities. The Full Members of NPCC may elect by a majority vote to cease Criteria Services division reliability activities.

**ARTICLE XV - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

15.1 Conflicts of Interest Policy. All Directors and NPCC representatives shall comply with NPCC's policies that prohibit conflict of interest including its Conflict of Interest Policy.

**ARTICLE XVI - GENERAL**

16.1 Member Liability. No Member shall be liable for the failure of any other Member to perform its obligations hereunder.

16.2 No Personal Liability. No NPCC officer, member of the Board or Member of any other NPCC committee or group, or employee of NPCC shall be liable to NPCC or any Member thereof, for damages for breach of any duty owed to NPCC or any Member thereof, except for liabilities arising from breach of

any duty based upon an act or omission (i) in breach of the duty of loyalty owed to NPCC (ii) not in good faith or involving a knowing violation of law, or (iii) resulting in receipt of an improper personal benefit by such NPCC officer, member of the Board or member of any other NPCC committee or group, or employee of NPCC. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this paragraph, nor the adoption of any provision of these Bylaws inconsistent with this paragraph, shall eliminate or reduce the protection offered by this paragraph to an NPCC officer, Member of the Board or Member of any other such NPCC committee or group, or employee of NPCC in respect of any matter which occurred, or any cause of action, suit or claim which, but for this paragraph, would have accrued or arisen, prior to such amendment, repeal, or adoption.

## **ARTICLE XVII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS**

17.1 Contracts. The Board may authorize, by resolution, any officer or officers, agent or agents of NPCC, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of NPCC, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

17.2 Checks, Drafts or Orders. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of NPCC shall be signed by such officer or officers, or agent or agents of NPCC and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board. In the absence of such determination by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the President and CEO.

17.3 Deposits. All funds of NPCC shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of NPCC in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board may select.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - DISSOLUTION**

18.1 Distribution of Assets. Upon dissolution of NPCC, in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation, the remaining assets of NPCC after payment of debts shall be distributed in the manner determined by the Board, provided that (i) no part of the assets shall be distributed to any Director, and (ii) the distribution of assets shall be consistent with the requirements of Section 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## **ARTICLE XIX - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

19.1 Amendment of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be modified, amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members entitled to vote at a meeting at which quorum is present, or by electronic voting in accordance with Section 8.5. Written notice of the subject matter of the proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be provided, as appropriate, to the Members no less than fourteen (14) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting of the Members at which the vote is to be taken. Any modification, amendment or repeal of these Bylaws shall be subject to any application requirements for filing with or approval by NERC and FERC and other applicable governmental authority.

## SCHEDULE A

### RULES OF PROCEDURE (SELECTION OF NPCC DIRECTORS)

#### 1. Selection of Director Candidates

In selecting candidates to serve as Stakeholder Directors and Independent Directors on the NPCC Board of Directors (“*Board*”), NPCC's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (“*CGNC*”) will endeavor to find individuals of high integrity who have a solid record of accomplishment in their chosen fields and who display the independence of mind and strength of character to effectively represent the best interests of NPCC. Candidates will be selected for their ability to exercise good judgment, and to provide practical insights and diverse perspectives. Consistent with its charter, the CGNC is responsible for screening director candidates, establishing criteria for nominees, and recommending a slate of nominees to the Board for consideration. The slate of director nominees will be presented to the Members for approval at the Annual Meeting of Members.

#### 2. Criteria for Board Service

The CGNC will consider and recruit candidates for director nominees based upon recommendations from Members, current directors, NPCC management, outside consultants or search firms engaged for the purpose, and any other source recommended by the Board. All candidates recommended will be evaluated for nomination based on the criteria set forth below:

- (a) Stakeholder Directors must reflect the geographic diversity of the NPCC Region, which comprises the state of New York, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
- (b) Directors must possess corporate and business experience at the senior-executive level, or the equivalent thereof.
- (c) Each Stakeholder Director must be an officer or senior executive-level employee of a Member of NPCC.
- (d) Each Independent Director must be an individual who:
  - (i) is not an officer or employee of NPCC;
  - (ii) is not an officer, director or employee of a Member;
  - (iii) is not an officer, director or employee of any entity that would reasonably be perceived as having a direct financial interest in the outcome of Board decisions; and
  - (iv) does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in performing the responsibilities of a director of NPCC.
- (e) Directors must have no actual or potential conflicts of interests that would or could interfere with the diligent performance of the responsibilities of a Board member in the best interests of NPCC.

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
Amended NPCC Bylaws  
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**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**NORTHEAST POWER COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.**  
(a New York not-for-profit corporation)

Adopted on May 18, 2006

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF  
NORTHEAST POWER COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.  
(a New York not-for-profit corporation)**

**ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS**

1.1 Definitions. As used herein, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below:

“*Affiliate*” means, with respect to any entity, any other entity that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such entity, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board. For this purpose, “control” may be presumed by the direct or indirect ownership of ten percent (10%) or more of the outstanding voting capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power. Notwithstanding the foregoing, “Affiliate” excludes any entity wholly-owned or controlled by a Canadian Provincial government.

“*Board*” means the Board of Directors of NPCC.

“*Board Chair*” means the independent non-executive ~~chairman~~ chair of the Board who is retained by NPCC pursuant to a separate Board-approved agreement.

“*Bulk Power System*” shall have the meaning in the United States set forth in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § ~~824-824o~~ et seq.), and such meaning in Canada as is consistent with applicable Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authority determinations.

“*Bylaws*” means these Amended and Restated Bylaws of NPCC, ~~as approved by the Members of NPCC on April 12, 2011 and effective as of January 1, 2012.~~

“*Certificate of Incorporation*” means the Certificate of Incorporation of NPCC filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York, as may be amended from time to time.

“*ERO*” or *Electric Reliability Organization* means the organization certified by FERC as defined in 18 C.F.R. §39.1.

“*FERC*” means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

~~“*Hearing Body*” means a group comprising the Hearing Officer and two (2) Independent Directors (excluding the Board Chair) which has been authorized by NPCC to conduct and render decisions in a formal compliance hearing of any entity registered in the NERC compliance registry who is the subject of a notice of alleged violation, proposed penalty or sanction, contested mitigation plan or contested remedial action directive.~~

~~“*Hearing Officer*” means an individual employed or contracted by NPCC and designated by NPCC to preside over formal compliance hearings.~~

“*Independent Director*” means a director who satisfies the “independence” criteria in Section 6.7(b) and serves in Sector 8 (*Independent Directors*) of the Board.

“*NERC*” means the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, or any successor entity, which has been certified by FERC as the ERO pursuant to Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 824-824o *et seq.*).

“*Northeastern North America*” means the geographical area within the perimeter border enclosing the ~~State states~~ of New York, ~~the six New England States of the United States Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont~~, and the Canadian ~~Provinces~~ provinces of Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, including any radial load or generation connecting to these systems.

“*NPCC*” means Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc., ~~or any successor entity.~~

“*NPCC Reliability Criteria*” means NPCC’s more stringent operating, design and protection criteria that are regionally specific reliability requirements that apply to the Full Members of NPCC that own or operate generation or transmission facilities for which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area and which have been identified utilizing an impact-based methodology.

“*NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program*” means the program in which Full Members of NPCC are obliged to certify compliance with a subset of NPCC Reliability Criteria that are being actively monitored.

“*Stakeholder Director*” means a director who serves in one of the seven (7) stakeholder sectors of the Board described in Section 4.4.

~~1.2 Additional Defined Terms. Terms not defined in these Bylaws shall have the definitions set forth in the Federal Power Act, Part 39 of the regulations of the FERC, as further clarified in FERC’s April 19, 2007 Order 119 FERC ¶ 61,060, and if not defined in any of those sources, shall be defined in accordance with their commonly understood and used technical meanings in the electric power industry, including applicable codes and standards.~~

## ARTICLE II – OFFICES

2.1 Principal Office. The principal office of NPCC shall be located in New York County, State of New York.

2.2 Other Offices. NPCC may have other offices at such place or places as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint or the business of the corporation may require.

## ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

3.1 Not-for-Profit Corporation. NPCC is operated as a New York not-for-profit corporation and is organized pursuant to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York (“*N-PCL*”).

3.2 Purpose. The purpose of NPCC is to promote and enhance the reliable and efficient operation of the international, interconnected Bulk Power System in Northeastern North America through (i) the development of Regional Reliability Standards and compliance assessment and enforcement of continent-wide and Regional Reliability Standards, coordination of system planning, design and operations, and assessment of reliability, pursuant to an agreement with the Electric Reliability Organization (“ERO”) which designates NPCC as a Regional Entity and delegates authority from FERC, and by Memoranda of Understanding with applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities (collectively, “*Regional Entity activities*”), and (ii) the establishment of regionally-specific reliability criteria, and the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with such criteria (collectively, “*Criteria Services activities*”). ~~In the development of regionally specific reliability criteria, NPCC, to the extent possible, facilitates the attainment of fair, effective and efficient competitive electric markets.~~

#### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

4.1 ~~— List of Members. The Members of NPCC are listed on Schedule A attached hereto.~~

4.2 4.1 Eligibility. Upon suitable application describing the nature and activities of the applicant, additional persons or entities shall be accepted by the Board as Members in the appropriate categories, defined as follows:

- (1) **General Membership** is voluntary and is open to any person or entity, including any person or entity ~~participating in the Registered Ballot Body of the ERO~~ that has an interest in the reliable operation of the Northeastern North American Bulk Power System. ~~General Members that are also registered entities within the NPCC Region are subject to compliance with reliability standards, consistent with their registration, and are also entitled to receive additional services from the Regional Entity division of NPCC.~~
- (2) **Full Membership** shall be available to entities which are General Members ~~that also participate in electricity markets in the international, interconnected bulk power system in Northeastern North America.~~ Independent system operators (“ISOs”), regional transmission organizations (“RTOs”), Transcos and other organizations or entities that perform the Balancing Authority function operating in Northeastern North America are expected to be Full Members of NPCC. The New York State Reliability Council and any other sub-regional reliability councils which may be formed are also expected to be Full Members. Full Members are subject to compliance with regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria for their generation and transmission facilities on which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area and which are identified utilizing a reliability impact-based methodology. Full Members are ~~also subject to compliance with reliability standards, and are~~ entitled to receive additional services from the Criteria Services division of NPCC.

4.3 4.2 Application as a Member and Renewal of Membership.

(a) Any person or entity that is eligible to become a Member of NPCC in accordance with Section 4.1 ~~2~~ may become either a General Member or a Full Member by completing and submitting to

NPCC a membership application on a form prescribed by the Board. Any person or entity that applies to NPCC as a Member shall comply with the conditions and obligations of ~~membership~~ Membership specified in these Bylaws. As an additional condition of ~~membership~~ Membership in NPCC, each person or entity registering as a Member shall execute an agreement with NPCC, in a form to be specified by the Board, that such person or entity will hold harmless all Directors, officers, employees and agents of NPCC, as well as volunteers participating in good faith in the activities of NPCC, to the extent permitted by U.S. ~~Federal~~ federal or Canadian Provincial laws, rules and regulations, for any injury or damage caused by any act or omission of any Director, officer, employee, agent or volunteer in the course of performance of his or her duties on behalf of NPCC, other than for acts of gross negligence, intentional misconduct or a breach of confidentiality.

(b) If not a natural person, the Member shall designate a representative and an alternate representative with authority to receive notices, cast votes, execute waivers and consents, and enter into binding agreements on behalf of the Member. NPCC shall maintain a current roster of the Members of NPCC, including each Member's designated representative and alternate representative.

~~(b)~~(c) From time to time, the Board may establish a date by which Members shall submit their application renewals. All Members shall confirm their applications within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of receipt of request by NPCC, using an application renewal form prescribed by the Board. Any Member that has not submitted an application renewal within thirty (30) calendar days following the date established by the Board ~~shall be removed from the NPCC roster~~ may have its Membership terminated. NPCC shall notify any ~~Member that is removed from the roster of Members of such removal~~ person or entity that has its Membership terminated pursuant to this Section 4.23(c), by written notice sent to such former Member's last known address on the records of NPCC.

4.44.3 Voting. Members are eligible to vote in one of the seven (7) stakeholder voting sectors described below:

**Sector (1).** Transmission Owners: This voting sector shall consist of any entity within Northeastern North America that owns at least 200 circuit miles of integrated transmission facilities or has an Open Access Transmission Tariff or equivalent on file with the FERC or the appropriate regulatory or governmental authority. This sector includes transmission owners that have placed their transmission under the operational control of an ISO/RTO, independent transmission companies ~~and or~~ merchant transmission owners/developers.

**Sector (2).** Reliability Coordinators: This voting sector shall consist of any entity within Northeastern North America certified as a Reliability Coordinator.

**Sector (3).** Transmission Dependent Utilities ("TDUs"); Distribution Companies and Load-Serving Entities ("LSEs"). This voting sector shall consist of entities within Northeastern North America that are:

- a. Entities with a regulatory contract, or other legal obligation to serve wholesale aggregators or end-use customers, and that depend primarily on the transmission systems of third parties to provide this service;
- b. Agents or associates that represent groups of TDUs;

- c. Electric distribution companies;
- d. Entities serving end-use customers under a regulated tariff, a contract governed by a regulatory tariff, or other legal obligation to serve; or Members of a generation and transmission (“G&T”) cooperative or a joint-action agency permitted to designate the G&T or joint action agency to represent such entities in this sector.

**Sector (4).** Generator Owners: This voting sector shall consist of entities within Northeastern North America that are affiliated and/or independent generators.

**Sector (5).** Marketers, Brokers and Aggregators: This voting sector shall consist of entities within Northeastern North America that are:

- a. Entities providing energy to end-use customers under a power marketing agreement or other authorization not classified as a regulated tariff;
- b. Entities that buy, sell, or broker energy and related services for resale in wholesale or retail markets, whether a non-jurisdictional entity operating within its charter or an entity licensed by a jurisdictional regulator; or
- c. Generation and transmission cooperatives and joint-action agencies that perform an electricity broker, aggregator, or marketer function.

**Sector (6).** State and Provincial Regulatory and/or Governmental Authorities—: This voting sector shall consist of ~~State-state~~ and Provincial regulatory or governmental authorities within Northeastern North America.

**Sector (7).** Sub-Regional Reliability Councils, Customers, Other Regional Entities and Interested Entities: This voting sector shall consist of:

- a. Any entity within Northeastern North America authorized by an appropriate regulatory and/or governmental authority to be a Sub-Regional Reliability Council;
- b. Entities or customers that take delivery of energy that is not purchased for resale within Northeastern North America;
- c. Agents or associations representing groups of large end users within Northeastern North America;
- d. Agents, state consumer advocates, or other advocate groups representing groups of small customers within Northeastern North America;
- e. Any other ~~delegated~~ Regional Entity; or

- f. Any person or entity, including any entity participating in the Registered Ballot Body of the ERO, that has an interest in the reliable operation of the bulk power system in Northeastern North America.

4.4 Assignment to Voting Sector. -A new applicant for ~~membership~~ Membership shall request to be assigned to a stakeholder voting sector, subject to Board approval. An applicant may request to be assigned to any stakeholder voting sector so long as ~~membership~~ Membership in that stakeholder voting sector is consistent with the applicant's business or other activities within the NPCC region. Multiple ~~memberships~~ Memberships of separate business functions of an entity are permitted, with each business function assigned to the appropriate separate sector. Each such business function may designate its own representative and alternate, however, no representative and alternate can represent more than one business function of an entity in a stakeholder voting sector. A consultant, attorney, agent, vendor, trade or industry association, state, provincial or local consumer advocate organization that provides services to or otherwise represents the interests of the Members of one or more stakeholder voting sectors may elect to be assigned to one such stakeholder voting sector subject to Board approval. ~~Entities~~ Members may request to change their stakeholder voting sector designation ~~during an Annual Meeting of Members of NPCC~~, subject to Board approval.

4.5 Term of Membership. -Membership in NPCC shall be retained so long as Member meets its respective qualifications, obligations, and conditions of ~~m~~Membership as set forth in ~~this Article IV~~ these B Bylaws.

4.6 Termination of Membership. In addition to a termination for non-renewal pursuant to Section 4.23(c), the Board may terminate the membership if, in the judgment of the Board, the Member has failed to meet its respective qualifications, obligations, and conditions of Membership as set forth in these b Bylaws.

## ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION OF NPCC

5.1 Member Representatives. Each Member shall designate a senior executive level representative and an alternate representative with full authority to act on its behalf in carrying out the work of NPCC.

5.2 Board of Directors. The business and affairs of NPCC shall be managed under the direction of the Board.

5.3 Officers. The officers of NPCC shall consist of a President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a Secretary and a Treasurer, with assistants as appropriate, and such additional officers as may be approved by the ~~Members~~ Board. Officers, except for the President and CEO, shall hold office for one (1) year ~~or until the next Annual Meeting of Members of NPCC and~~, or in the event of a vacancy, until their successors are duly ~~elected~~ approved and qualified.

5.4 President and CEO. NPCC shall employ a President and CEO and staff, as required, to carry out NPCC's mission and to perform the functions of NPCC. The President and CEO shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve at the Board's discretion. In the event of a vacancy in the ~~presidency~~ position of President and CEO, the Board shall appoint an interim President and CEO who shall serve until such time as the Board appoints a new President and CEO. The authority and responsibilities of the President and CEO shall be defined by the Board.

~~5.5~~ Vacancies.

~~In the event a vacancy occurs in the Board, or in the office of Co-Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, in the interim between Annual Meetings of Members of NPCC, the Board Chair may designate (i) a person from the same stakeholder voting sector to fill such vacancy with the approval of a majority vote of the Directors, or (ii) in the case of a vacancy in the office of the Secretary or Treasurer, from outside of NPCC to fill such vacancy with the approval of a majority vote of the Directors.~~

~~5.5~~ In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Board Chair in the period between Annual Meetings of Members of NPCCVacancies. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Board or Board Chair, or in the office of Secretary, Treasurer or other officers as determined by the Board, the Board may fill such vacancy by ~~a two-~~two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority of the weighted sector votes, with each Director casting ~~one~~ (1) vote within the applicable sector, at a meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present. The term of office of ~~the persons~~ a person designated to fill any such vacancy shall ~~expire on the date of the next subsequent Annual Meeting of Members of NPCC~~extend until such person's successor is approved and qualified. The authority and responsibilities of the Board Chair shall be defined by the Board and set forth in a separate agreement approved by the Board.

5.6 NPCC Activities. NPCC engages in (i) Regional Entity activities-, which are conducted by its Regional Entity division, and (ii) Criteria Services activities-, which are conducted by its Criteria Services division.

## ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 Hybrid Board.

(a) The Board shall consist of fourteen (14) Stakeholder Directors, two (2) Independent Directors, an independent Board Chair and the President and CEO.

(b) While serving on the Board or its Committees, the President and CEO shall not be entitled to vote on any Board or Board Committee matters.

(c) Two (2) Co-Vice Chairs from different voting sectors on the Board shall be selected by the Directors and approved by a vote of the entire membership. In the temporary absence of the Board Chair, a Vice Chair designated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors shall perform the duties of the Board Chair. The Co-Vice Chairs shall retain the voting rights that they otherwise held by virtue of serving as a Director.

6.2 Term and Compensation.

(a) The term of office of each Stakeholder Director shall be ~~two (2) years. Initial terms of Stakeholder Directors shall be staggered by the Board so that these Board members serve initial terms of one (1) or~~ two (2) years. There shall be no limit on the number of terms which may be served by any Stakeholder Director. Stakeholder Directors shall serve without compensation, including when performing duties of a Co-Vice Chair.

(b) The term of office of each Independent Director shall be two (2) years. Independent Directors may serve up to ~~three (3)~~~~four (4)~~ terms for a maximum of ~~six (6)~~~~eight (8)~~ years. Each Independent Director shall be entitled to receive compensation as the Board may from time to time determine in its sole discretion.

(c) The term of office of the Board Chair shall be two (2) years, with no limitations on the number of terms that may be served. Compensation arrangements of the Board Chair shall be contained in a separate written agreement approved by the Board.

### 6.3 Powers and Duties.

(a) The Board shall develop NPCC policies, direct the activities of NPCC, accept additional entities as Members, review and approve or modify Member voting sector assignment, and make assignments to the committees of NPCC. The Board shall (i) approve a Regional Delegation Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the ERO that delegates authority from FERC and any additional agreements with appropriate Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities, (ii) approve and oversee NPCC's Regional Reliability ~~Standards Development Process Standard Processes Manual~~ and submit Regional Standards to the ERO for ~~adoption approval~~ by FERC and appropriate Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities, (iii) ~~approve the NPCC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program and~~ oversee the assessment and enforcement of mandatory compliance with Reliability Standards consistent with the Regional Delegation Agreement and agreements with Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities, and (iv) oversee NPCC's assessment and enforcement of mandatory compliance with regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria through administration of the NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program. The duties of the Board shall also include consideration and resolution of budgetary matters, including the levying of any special assessments and the determination of any annual membership fee for Full Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may not amend these Bylaws or establish, modify or eliminate any of NPCC's Regional Reliability Standards or regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria; nor may the Board add, modify, or eliminate voting sectors established pursuant to these Bylaws.

(b) To carry out the purposes of NPCC, the Board, acting through the President and CEO and NPCC staff shall ~~shall enlist such personnel from Members as may be necessary; and, within the limits of the annual budget, may employ such personnel~~, incur such administrative expenses, and retain such independent professional consulting services for NPCC and the committees of NPCC as it may deem desirable.

6.4 Board Composition. The Board shall consist of an independent Board Chair, the President and CEO, such officers as shall from time to time be determined by the Board, and Directors in eight (8) voting sectors comprising seven (7) stakeholder sectors and one (1) independent sector, as described below:

**Sector (1).** Transmission Owners (Maximum of 2, with no more than 1 per Balancing Authority Area)

**Sector (2).** Reliability Coordinators (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (3).** Transmission Dependent Utilities (~~"TDUs"~~); Distribution Companies and Load-Serving Entities (~~"LSEs"~~) (Maximum of 2)



**Sector (4).** Generator Owners (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (5).** Marketers, Brokers and Aggregators (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (6).** Regulators (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (7).** Sub-Regional Reliability Councils, Customers, Other Regional Entities and Interested Entities (Maximum of 2)

**Sector (8).** Independent Directors (Maximum of 2)

#### 6.5 Quorum and Voting Requirements for the Board.

(a) At any meeting of the Board, attendance in person ~~or by proxy~~ by at least one-half (1/2) of the Stakeholder Directors in each of at least sixty percent (60%) of the ~~stakeholders-stakeholder~~ sectors and at least one (1) Independent Director shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise expressly provided in NPCC's Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws or applicable law, actions by the Board shall be approved upon receipt of a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority of the weighted sector votes, with each Director casting one (1) vote within the applicable sector, at a meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present. The Board Chair shall also be entitled to cast one (1) vote during any meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present to prevent any deadlock. The following process shall be used to determine if there are sufficient affirmative votes:

- The number of votes cast is the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions.
- The number of affirmative votes cast in each voting sector will be divided by the sum of affirmative and negative votes cast in that voting sector to determine the fractional affirmative vote for each voting sector. Abstentions will not be counted for the purposes of determining the fractional affirmative vote for a voting sector.
- The sum of the fractional affirmative votes from all sectors divided by the number of sectors voting will be used to determine if a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority has been achieved. A sector will be considered as "voting" if any Director of the sector casts either an affirmative or a negative vote.

(b) An action of the Board will be approved if the sum of fractional affirmative votes from all sectors divided by the number of voting sectors is at least two-thirds (2/3).

6.6 Board Action Without Meeting. Any action required, or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board, may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents (which may be in electronic form) describing the action taken, signed by each Director, and included in the ~~minute book of~~ NPCC Board's secure portal. Any action taken under this Section 6.6 shall be deemed effective when the last Director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date.

#### 6.7 Election and Removal of Directors.

(a) ~~The Initial Board shall be the persons named in the Certificate of Incorporation and shall serve until the first Annual Meeting of the Members. The Initial Board shall nominate a list of Stakeholder Directors consistent with the Board composition requirements set forth in Bylaws at such time. At the first meeting of the Members, the Members from each sector shall vote to elect the Stakeholder Directors in their respective sector.~~ Stakeholder Directors shall be elected by a vote of the majority of the Members in the respective stakeholder sector. No stakeholder sector shall elect more than two Stakeholder Directors in such sector. No Member or any Affiliate of a Member may designate more than one (1) Stakeholder Director to represent such Member or Affiliate. Stakeholder Director candidates will be selected in accordance with the Rules of Procedure set forth in Schedule BA.

(b) Individual Members may nominate an Independent Director candidate by petition. Each petition shall present only one Independent Director candidate who has met requirements in the Rules of Procedure set forth in Schedule BA. Petitions shall be received by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee on a date set by the committee. The names on the petition shall reflect at least ten percent (10%) of the Members of NPCC as of January 1 of the year in which the election is to be held. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee shall add the petitioned candidate's name to the slate of director nominees to be presented to the Members for approval at the Annual Meeting of Members.

(c) Independent Directors shall be nominated in accordance with the Rules of Procedure set forth in Schedule B-A and recommended by the Board to the Members for consideration and approval. In order to contribute to the effective functioning of the Board and NPCC, Independent Directors will be drawn from diverse backgrounds and will possess a broad range of industry expertise, perspectives, experiences, skill sets and knowledge. An individual is eligible to serve as an Independent Director if such individual (i) is not an officer or employee of NPCC, (ii) is not an officer, director or employee of a Member, (iii) is not an officer, director or employee of any entity that would reasonably be perceived as having a direct financial interest in the outcome of Board decisions, and (iv) does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in performing the responsibilities of a director. Independent Directors shall be elected by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Members present at a meeting where a quorum exists.

(d) ~~A~~ Stakeholder Director may be removed for cause by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Members in their respective sector at a regular meeting of the Members or at a special meeting called for that purpose; *provided* that there is a quorum of that sector's Members present at that meeting; and *provided, further*, that there is a quorum of not less than a majority present at the meeting of Directors at which such action is recommended.

(e) An Independent Director may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present at a meeting called for that purpose; *provided* that there is a quorum of not less than ten (10) Directors present at the meeting of Directors at which such action is taken.

(f) For purposes of Section 6.7(d) and (e), grounds for removal "for cause" include, but are not limited to, failure to adequately perform either Board duties ~~and committee or Board Committee~~ responsibilities, a felony conviction, misappropriation of funds, mental incapacity, and misconduct. In accordance with the N-PCL, an action to procure a judgment removing any Director for cause may also be brought by the Attorney-General of the State of New York.

6.8 Indemnification. -Subject to the limitation set forth in Section 6.9 below, NPCC shall indemnify its Directors, officers, ~~employees~~ and other corporate agents, ~~including volunteers participating in good faith in the activities of NPCC and persons serving on duly constituted committees of NPCC~~ (collectively, “NPCC Indemnitees”), and may indemnify employees, in each case, up to the full extent ~~from time to time~~ permitted by the N-PCL and other applicable law. Such right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the legal representative of any NPCC Indemnitee. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not in restriction or limitation of, any right such NPCC Indemnitee may have under applicable law (including the N-PCL).

6.9 Limitation on Indemnification. -The maximum amount of losses (~~i.e.g.~~, damages, judgments, fines, penalties, liability, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses) for which NPCC will be obligated to indemnify the NPCC Indemnitees under Section 6.8 will be the policy limit of directors’ and officers’ (“D&O”) liability insurance set forth in the D&O insurance policy maintained by NPCC.

## ARTICLE VII ~~ARTICLE VII~~ - COMMITTEES ~~AND HEARING BODY~~

7.1 ~~Number of Committees of the Corporation.~~ NPCC shall have such technical committees, subcommittees, task forces and other working groups ~~as the Board may deem appropriate, including which may include~~ a Regional Standards Committee (~~RSC~~“RSC”), a Compliance Committee (~~CC~~“CC”) and a Reliability Coordinating Committee (~~RCC~~“RCC”), ~~NPCC’s principal technical committee~~, a Public Information Committee (PIC) and a Finance and Audit Committee (FAC)“RCC”).

7.2 Board Committees. NPCC shall have the following Board Committees and may have additional Board Committees, as determined by the Board.

(a) Finance and Audit Committee

(b) Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee

(c) Management Development and Compensation Committee

(d) Pension Committee

7.2.7.3 Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) members of the Board and shall include one (1) Director which shall be designated a finance and audit committee financial expert by the Board. A chairperson of the Finance and Audit Committee shall be designated by the Board from among the members of the committee.

7.3.7.4 Board Committee Structure. Board Committees shall be comprised of at least three Board Directors. Board Committee members shall be nominated and approved by the Board in accordance with guidelines established by the Board. Each Board Committee shall have a chair designated by the Board from among the members of the Board Committee. Quorum and voting rules applicable to the Board shall also apply to voting on any such ~~NPCC decision-making committees~~Board Committee, unless otherwise determined by the Board. Each ~~committee~~Board Committee shall establish a charter ~~or scope of work~~, which shall be presented to the Board for approval.

~~7.4 — Hearing Body. The Hearing Body shall conduct all compliance proceedings in accordance with the hearing procedures set forth in the NERC Hearing Procedure.~~

## ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERS' VOTING RIGHTS

### 8.1 Quorum and Voting Requirements for Meetings of Members.

(a) At any meeting of the Members of NPCC, attendance in person or by proxy by one-half (1/2) of the Members in each of at least sixty percent (60%) of the stakeholder voting sectors on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise expressly provided in NPCC's Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws or applicable law, actions by the Members of NPCC shall be approved upon receipt of a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority vote of the sectors at a meeting of the Members of NPCC at which a quorum is present, where (i) each Member shall have one (1) vote within a sector, except that if less than one-half (1/2) of the Members in a sector are present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting, the vote of that sector shall be weighted by a percentage equal to the number of Members of the sector present in person or by proxy at the meeting divided by one-half (1/2) of the Members in the sector; (ii) the vote of each sector of NPCC shall be allocated for and against the proposed action based on the respective percentages of votes cast for and against the proposed action by the Members in that sector voting in person or by proxy; and (iii) the proportions of the votes of each sector allocated for and against the proposed action shall be summed to determine the total number of votes for and against the proposed action.

- (b) The following process shall be used to determine if there are sufficient affirmative votes:
- The number of votes cast will be the sum of affirmative and negative votes, excluding abstentions.
  - The number of affirmative votes cast in each sector will be divided by the sum of affirmative and negative votes cast to determine the fractional affirmative vote for each sector. Abstentions will not be counted for the purposes of determining the fractional affirmative vote for a sector.
  - The sum of the fractional affirmative votes from all sectors divided by the number of sectors voting will be used to determine if a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority has been achieved. (A sector will be considered as "voting" if any Member of the sector casts either an affirmative or a negative vote.)

8.2 Waivers of Notice of Meetings of Members; Member Meeting Adjournments. Notice of a Meeting of Members need not be given to any Member who signs a waiver of notice, in person or by proxy, whether before or after the meeting. The attendance of any Member at a meeting, in person or by proxy, without protesting prior to the conclusion of the meeting the lack of notice of such meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting by such Member. When any Meeting of Members is adjourned to another time or place, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, and if at the adjourned meeting only such business is transacted as might have been transacted at the original meeting.

8.3 Actions Without a Meeting of Members. Any action, required or permitted to be taken at a Meeting of Members, may be taken without a meeting if the action is consented to in writing by the minimum number of Members that would be required to approve the action at a Meeting of Members at which all Members were present. The call for action without a Meeting of Members may be initiated by the Board Chair or by a number of Members constituting at least ten percent (10%) of the Members on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC, which number shall include Members in at least four (4) of the voting sectors. Notice of the proposal for action without a meeting shall be provided to all Members on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC at least seven (7) days prior to the date established for the tabulation of consents. The Members shall receive written notice of the results within fourteen (14) days of the action vote, and all written responses of the Members shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of Members.

8.4 Meeting of Members to be Open. Notice to the public of the dates, places, and times of Meetings of Members, and all non-confidential material provided to the Members, (via a BOD approved method) shall be posted on NPCC's web site given at approximately the same time that notice is given to the Members. Meetings of Members shall be open to the public, subject to reasonable limitations due to the availability and size of in-person meeting facilities; *provided* that the meeting may be held in or adjourn to closed session to discuss matters of a confidential nature, including, but not limited to, personnel matters, compliance and enforcement matters, litigation, or commercially sensitive or critical energy infrastructure information of any entity.

8.5 Electronic Voting. Upon completion of applicable processes that permit parties to comment on the subject issue(s), electronic voting on matters before the Members, Board or any committee is permitted. A quorum will be determined to exist for purposes of conducting an electronic vote when NPCC receives completed ballots from two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of outstanding ballots. In the event that a quorum exists for purposes of an electronic vote but the matter has not been resolved, NPCC may continue to solicit additional responses in order to resolve the matter by electronic voting. In the event that quorum has not been achieved for purposes of an electronic vote, NPCC may continue to solicit electronic ballots, including abstentions, to obtain quorum and resolve the matter.

## **ARTICLE IX - MEMBERS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, ~~AND ORGANIZATIONAL~~ PROCESS**

9.1 Members' Rights and Obligations. All General and Full Members shall have the following rights and obligations:

- (1) Rights:
  - a. Attendance at all meetings of the ~~general membership~~ General Membership of NPCC; and, subject to procedures established by the committees and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements, attendance at meetings of NPCC's committees of the corporation, task forces and any other such NPCC groups.
  - b. Access to minutes of each committee of the corporation, subcommittee, task force or any other NPCC group, subject to procedures established by the committees and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements.

- c. Vote to amend these Bylaws in accordance with Section 19.1.
- d. Vote to establish, modify or eliminate NPCC Regional Reliability Standards and programs.
- e. For Full Members only: Vote to establish, modify or eliminate NPCC's regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria.

(2) Obligations:

- a. Each Member shall agree, in writing, to accept the responsibility to promote, support, and comply with the purposes and policies of NPCC as set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws as from time to time adopted, approved or amended.
- b. Each Member acknowledges that it has the responsibility to plan and design its bulk power system components, where applicable, and conduct its operations, consistent with its registration, in compliance with ~~ERO~~-Reliability Standards, Regional Reliability Standards and Regional Variances consistent with applicable laws, regulations, permits and licenses.
- c. Each Member agrees to submit such data and reports as required by NPCC in order to perform compliance enforcement obligations delegated to it by the ERO, subject to established procedures and to the terms of applicable confidentiality agreements.
- d. In addition, each Full Member shall:
  - (i) plan and design its generation and transmission facilities on which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area, as identified utilizing a reliability impact-based methodology, in compliance with criteria, guides and procedures established by NPCC and applicable ERO-Reliability Standards;
  - (ii) conduct its operations in compliance with criteria, guides and procedures established by NPCC and applicable ~~ERO~~-Reliability Standards, and consistent with applicable laws, regulations, permits and licenses;
  - (iii) assure that, whenever it enters into arrangements with non- ~~members~~ Members which could have an impact on the reliability of the international, interconnected Bulk Power System in Northeastern North America, the arrangements will not adversely impact the ability of the Full Members to comply with regionally-specific more stringent reliability criteria established by NPCC, ERO-Reliability Standards, or the criteria of regional reliability organizations established in areas in which the facilities used for such arrangements are located;
  - (iv) notify NPCC of its existing facilities and operating procedures and of its plans for major additions or modifications affecting the operation of the interconnected systems; and shall report to NPCC any decision as to

significant alterations or changes proposed for their respective electric systems, whether in generation, transmission, inter-system communication or control and protective equipment, or in operating procedures; such report to be submitted promptly and, except in cases of emergency, before final commitments are undertaken or changes in operating procedures become effective;

- (v) promptly notify NPCC and all other Members in writing or electronically if its generation and transmission facilities on which faults or disturbances can have a significant adverse impact outside of the local area, as identified utilizing a reliability impact-based methodology, are not being designed or operated, or its operations are not being conducted, in compliance with ~~Criteria~~criteria, ~~Guides~~guides, and ~~Procedures~~procedures established by NPCC, stating its reasons, and providing its plan and schedule to achieve compliance;
- (vi) submit such data and reports as required by the ~~NPCC Reliability Criteria~~NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program and to abide by the compliance assessments and sanctions prescribed by NPCC's ~~enforcement~~Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program procedures, subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution; and
- (vii) undertake and perform the administrative and financial obligations described in Article XIII of these Bylaws.

9.2 ~~Standards Development Procedure~~Regional Standard Processes Manual. NPCC's ~~shall develop a~~ Regional ~~Reliability Standards Development Procedure~~Processes Manual that provides the design-basis approach to a consensus building process by which NPCC may develop Regional Reliability Standards and Regional Variances to be proposed to the ERO for ~~adoption approval~~under delegated authority by the FERC and the Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities.

9.3 ~~Procedures for Enforcing Compliance with Reliability Standards. Where regulatory approval has been obtained or governmental authority has been provided, upon the determination of NPCC compliance staff and verification by the President and CEO that a user, owner or operator of the Bulk Power System has violated a reliability standard, NPCC shall enforce compliance for such violation, pursuant to procedures and processes that shall be specified in the NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program. Such procedures and processes shall provide for reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing. Any sanction imposed for a violation of a Reliability Standard shall bear a reasonable relation to the seriousness of the violation and shall take into consideration circumstances surrounding the violation and efforts of the owner, operator, or user of the Bulk Power System to remedy the violation in a timely manner. Subject to any necessary action by any applicable governmental authorities, no sanction imposed for a violation of a reliability standard shall take effect (i) until the thirty-first (31st) day after NPCC, where authorized by law or agreement, files with the FERC or other applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities notice of the sanction and the record of the proceedings in which the violation and sanction were determined, or (ii) such other date as ordered by the FERC or other applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities or as prescribed by applicable law.~~

## ARTICLE X - FULL MEMBERS: ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH REGIONALLY-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

10.1 Compliance Enforcement. Subject to approval of the Full Members, NPCC shall establish an NPCC Reliability Criteria Compliance and Enforcement Program, including matrices for measuring compliance, levying non-monetary sanctions, and developing procedures for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Such program shall be administered by the Board. The Reliability Coordinating Committee, with the full cooperation of each Member, shall expeditiously evaluate, as appropriate, alterations or measures designed to correct any assessed non-compliance and shall report such studies to the Board.

## ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

11.1 Meetings. Meetings of NPCC may be held on such dates as the Board may from time to time determine and shall be held in such places as the Board may from time to time designate, in the state or outside the state. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the Board Chair, the Board or by a number of Members constituting at least ten percent (10%) of the Members on the roster of Members maintained by NPCC, which number shall include Members in at least four (4) of the voting sectors. Except as provided in Section 19.1, notice of all meetings, stating the time and place, shall be given by NPCC in writing to each Member by issuing the notice at least one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting. The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or, in their absence, a secretary *pro tempore* designated by either the Board Chair or the President and CEO, shall keep the records of NPCC meetings.

11.2 Proxies. When appropriate, Members, ~~Directors and committee members~~ may appoint a proxy, consistent with NPCC proxy procedures, to vote or otherwise act for such Member, ~~Director or committee member~~ at any meeting. Such participation by proxy shall constitute attendance for purposes of quorum requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, proxy voting by Directors and Board Ceommittee members is not permitted.

11.3 Action by Remote Communication. Participation by remote communication shall constitute presence in person at a meeting of the Board as long as all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and each can participate in all matters, including, without limitation, the ability to propose, object to, and vote upon a specific action to be taken by the Board.

~~11.3—Action by Remote Communication. A meeting among the Members or the Board by means of a communication through which the participants may simultaneously hear each other during the conference shall constitute a meeting of the Members or the Board, as the case may be, if the same notice is given of the conference as would be required for a meeting and if the number of persons participating in such conference constitute a quorum. Participation in any meeting by this means shall constitute personal presence at such meeting.~~

## ARTICLE XII - BUDGET

12.1 Annual Budget. The Board shall ~~prepare or~~ cause to be prepared an annual budget for the administrative and other expenses of NPCC, including the expenditures for the fiscal year for any material special projects undertaken by NPCC and reasonable and proper reserves and provisions for contingencies, an accompanying business plan for NPCC, and a funding mechanism including any supplemental funding mechanism, for each fiscal year. The annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism of NPCC shall be developed in the form and format and on the schedule stipulated by the ERO



for a fiscal year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31. Each annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism shall be approved by the Board at a regular meeting or a special meeting of the Board duly called for that purpose. The Board shall approve each annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism on or before the date stipulated by the ERO during the year prior to the start of the fiscal year in order to allow for timely submittal of the approved annual budget, business plan, and funding mechanism to the FERC and the applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities.

12.2 Budget Remands. If the ERO or a regulatory and/or governmental authority by order remands an annual budget, business plan, or annual, modified, or supplemental funding mechanism, the Board shall promptly address such order through appropriate follow-up measures with the Members and regulatory and/or governmental authorities.

12.3 Criteria Services Budget. Each Full Member shall be notified of the annual administrative expense budget for the Criteria Services division, on or about December 1 of the preceding year.

### ARTICLE XIII - FUNDING

13.1 Funding Sources. NPCC's annual administrative expenses, including any special assessments approved by the Board, shall be apportioned and funded as follows:

- (a) Funding of NPCC ~~General Member~~ Regional Entity division activities shall be through mechanisms established by the ERO, FERC and applicable Canadian Provincial regulatory and/or governmental authorities.
- (b) General Members shall not be assessed an annual membership fee.
- (c) Full Members, other than Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function, shall not be assessed an annual membership fee.
- (d) Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function shall be assessed and pay a proportional share of the expenses for criteria services in proportion to the ratio of the second previous year's Net Energy for Load within the Balancing Authority Area to the aggregate Net Energy for Load within all Balancing Authority Areas in Northeastern North America. NPCC will directly assign Criteria Services division costs to a Balancing Authority Area or ~~entity Full Member~~ where significant costs are incurred by NPCC for such Balancing Authority Area or ~~entity Full Member~~.
- (e) No Full Member shall, without its consent, be responsible for expenses of NPCC in any one calendar year in excess of its assessed portion of the amount budgeted for the Criteria Services division for that year; *provided, however*, that special assessments may be separately budgeted and their cost allocated by the Board to the Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function.

## ARTICLE XIV - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND CESSATION OF CRITERIA SERVICES DIVISION RELIABILITY ACTIVITIES

14.1 Termination. All General Members and Full Members, other than Full Members that perform the Balancing Authority function, may terminate their ~~membership~~-Membership in NPCC at any time upon fifteen (15) days' written or electronic notice ~~without liability~~ to NPCC. A Full Member that performs the Balancing Authority function may terminate its rights and obligations under these Bylaws (other than its obligation to pay its proportionate share of the Criteria Services division expenses of NPCC, including special assessments, if applicable, for the full calendar year within which such termination is effective) at any time upon one (1) year's written notice to the President and CEO; whereupon, it shall cease to be a Full Member of NPCC as of the date such termination is effective. The President and CEO shall promptly inform all Members of receipt of any such notices.

14.2 Cessation of Criteria Services Division Reliability Activities. The Full Members of NPCC may elect by a majority vote to cease Criteria Services division reliability activities.

## ARTICLE XV - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

~~15.1—Conflicts of Interest Policy. NPCC has developed a Code of Conduct that sets forth NPCC policies with respect to, among other things, conflicts of interest. On an annual basis, Directors shall evidence their compliance with NPCC conflict of interest principles by either: (i) signing an Individual Participant Implementation Agreement and thereby agreeing to comply with NPCC's Code of Conduct to the best of his/her ability; or (ii) agreeing that the execution of a Member Entity Implementation Agreement by the employer of such Director evidences the Director's agreement to be bound by its employer's Code of Conduct when performing NPCC activities. The Board shall establish similar Code of Conduct compliance requirements for NPCC staff and membership personnel participating on committees, task forces, and working groups as appropriate.~~

15.1 Conflicts of Interest Policy. All Directors and NPCC representatives shall comply with NPCC's policies that prohibit conflict of interest including its Conflict of Interest Policy.

## ARTICLE XVI - GENERAL

16.1 Member Liability. No Member shall be liable for the failure of any other Member to perform its obligations hereunder.

16.2 No Personal Liability. No NPCC officer, member of the Board or ~~member~~-Member of any other NPCC committee or group, or employee of NPCC shall be ~~personally~~-liable to NPCC or any ~~member~~-Member thereof, for damages for breach of any duty owed to NPCC or any ~~member~~-Member thereof, except for liabilities arising from breach of any duty based upon an act or omission (i) in breach of the duty of loyalty owed to NPCC ~~or any individual member,~~ (ii) not in good faith or involving a knowing violation of law, or (iii) resulting in receipt of an improper personal benefit by such NPCC officer, member of the Board or member of any other NPCC committee or group, or employee of NPCC. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this paragraph, nor the adoption of any provision of these Bylaws inconsistent with this paragraph, shall eliminate or reduce the protection offered by this paragraph to an NPCC officer, ~~member~~-Member of the Board or ~~member~~-Member of any other such NPCC committee or group, or employee of NPCC in respect of any matter which occurred, or any cause of action, suit or claim which, but for this paragraph, would have accrued or arisen, prior to such amendment, repeal, or adoption.

~~16.3 Binding Nature. Those entities listed as Members on Schedule A and subsequent applicants granted membership in NPCC shall be deemed to have accepted and to be bound by all the terms and conditions of these Bylaws, as effective on January 1, 2012.~~

## **ARTICLE XVII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS**

17.1 Contracts. The Board may authorize, by resolution, any officer or officers, agent or agents of NPCC, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of NPCC, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

17.2 Checks, Drafts or Orders. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of NPCC shall be signed by such officer or officers, or agent or agents of NPCC and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board. In the absence of such determination by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the President and CEO.

17.3 Deposits. All funds of NPCC shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of NPCC in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board may select.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - DISSOLUTION**

18.1 Distribution of Assets. Upon dissolution of NPCC, in accordance with ~~paragraph EIGHTH of~~ the Certificate of Incorporation, the remaining assets of NPCC after payment of debts shall be distributed in the manner determined by the Board, provided that (i) no part of the assets shall be distributed to any Director, and (ii) the distribution of assets shall be consistent with the requirements of Section 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## **ARTICLE XIX - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

19.1 Amendment of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be modified, amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members entitled to vote at a meeting at which quorum is present, or by electronic voting in accordance with Section 8.5. Written notice of the subject matter of the proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be provided, as appropriate, to the Members no less than fourteen (14) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting of the Members at which the vote is to be taken. Any modification, amendment or repeal of these Bylaws shall be subject to any application requirements for filing with or approval by NERC and FERC and other applicable governmental authority.

## ~~**ARTICLE XX - EFFECTIVE DATE**~~

~~20.1 Effective Date. These Bylaws shall take effect on January 1, 2012.~~

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **MEMBERS OF NPCC Sector 1, Transmission Owners**

<del>Bangor Hydro Electric Company</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Central Maine Power Company</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Hydro One, Inc.</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Long Island Power Authority</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>National Grid USA</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>New Brunswick Power Transmission Corporation</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>New Hampshire Transmission, LLC</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>New York Power Authority</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>New York State Electric &amp; Gas Corporation</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Northeast Utilities</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Nova Scotia Power, Inc.</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>NSTAR Electric Company</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Orange &amp; Rockland Utilities, Inc.</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Rochester Gas &amp; Electric Corporation</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>The United Illuminating Company</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Vermont Transco</del>	<del>Full</del>

### **Sector 2, Reliability Coordinators**

<del>Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Independent Electricity System Operator</del>	<del>Full</del>

ISO New England, Inc. — Full

New Brunswick System Operator — Full

New York Independent System Operator — Full

Braintree Electric Light Department

General



Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. — Full

Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant — General

Hydro One, Inc. — Full

Hydro Québec Distribution — Full

Groton Electric Light — Full

Ipswich Municipal Light Department — Full

Long Island Power Authority  
— Full

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Marblehead Municipal Light Department

General

National Grid USA  
— Full

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New York Power Authority — Full

Northeast Utilities — Full

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. — Full

Princeton Municipal Light Department — General

Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Operations — General

Sterling Municipal Light Department — Full

## Sector 4, Generator Owners

AES North America Generation	General
Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	Full
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Covanta Energy	General
Dominion Resources Services, Inc.	Full
Dynegy, Inc.	General
Entergy Nuclear Northeast	Full
Exelon Generation Company, LLC	Full
First Wind Energy Marketing, LLC	Full
International Power America	General
Long Island Power Authority	Full
Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company	Full
New York Power Authority	Full
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC	Full
Northeast Utilities	Full
Nova Scotia Power, Inc.	Full
NRG Energy, Inc.	Full
Ontario Power Generation, Inc.	Full
PSEG Power Connecticut LLC	General
PSEG Power New York, LLC	General
PurEnergy LLC	General
TransCanada	General
US Power Generating Company	General

Wheelabrator Westchester LP ————— General

### **Sector 5, Marketers, Brokers and Aggregators**

Brookfield Power Corporation ————— Full

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. — Full

Consolidated Edison Energy/Development, Inc. — Full

Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. — Full

HQ Energy Marketing, Inc. ————— Full

HQ Energy Services (U.S.), Inc. ————— Full

Long Island Power Authority ————— Full

Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company Full

Nalcor Energy ————— General

New York Power Authority ————— Full

PPL EnergyPlus, LLC ————— Full

PSEG Energy Resources & Trade LLC ————— General

Shell Energy North America ————— Full

Utility Services, Inc. ————— Full

Windy Bay Power LLC ————— General

### **Sector 6, State and Provincial Regulatory and/or Governmental Authorities**

Long Island Power Authority ————— Full

Maine Public Utilities Commission ————— General

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission — General

New York Power Authority ————— Full

New York State Department of Public Service — General

Vermont Department of Public Service — General

### **Sector 7, Sub-Regional Rel Councils, Customers, Other Regional Entities and Interested Entities**

<del>4g Technologies, LP</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>Ascendant Energy Solutions, Inc.</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>ERLPhase Power Technologies</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>International Business Machines Corporation</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>McCoy Power Consultants, Inc.</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>Midwest Reliability Organization</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>New York State Reliability Council, LLC</del>	<del>Full</del>
<del>Oxbow-Sherman Energy, LLC</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>PLM, Inc.</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>SGC Engineering, LLC</del>	<del>General</del>
<del>VIASYN, Inc.</del>	<del>General</del>



## **SCHEDULE B – RULES OF PROCEDURE (SELECTION OF NPCC DIRECTORS)**

### **1. Selection of Director Candidates**

In selecting candidates to serve as Stakeholder Directors and Independent Directors on the NPCC Board of Directors (“*Board*”), NPCC's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (“*CGNC*”) will endeavor to find individuals of high integrity who have a solid record of accomplishment in their chosen fields and who display the independence of mind and strength of character to effectively represent the best interests of NPCC. Candidates will be selected for their ability to exercise good judgment, and to provide practical insights and diverse perspectives. Consistent with its charter, the CGNC is responsible for screening director candidates, establishing criteria for nominees, and recommending a slate of nominees to the Board for consideration. The slate of director nominees will be presented to the Members for approval at the Annual Meeting of Members.

### **2. Criteria for Board Service**

The CGNC will consider and recruit candidates for director nominees based upon recommendations from Members, current directors, NPCC management, outside consultants or search firms engaged for the purpose, and any other source recommended by the Board. All candidates recommended will be evaluated for nomination based on the criteria set forth below:

- (a) Stakeholder Directors must reflect the geographic diversity of the NPCC Region, which comprises the ~~State-state~~ of New York, ~~the six New England States of the United States~~ Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, and the Canadian ~~Provinces~~ provinces of Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
- (b) Directors must possess corporate and business experience at the senior-executive level, or the equivalent thereof.
- (c) Each Stakeholder Director must be an officer or senior executive-level employee of a Member of NPCC.
- (d) Each Independent Director must be an individual who:
  - (i) is not an officer or employee of NPCC;
  - (ii) is not an officer, director or employee of a Member;
  - (iii) is not an officer, director or employee of any entity that would reasonably be perceived as having a direct financial interest in the outcome of Board decisions; and
  - (iv) does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in performing the responsibilities of a director of NPCC.
- (e) Directors must have no actual or potential conflicts of interests that would or could interfere with the diligent performance of the responsibilities of a Board member in the best interests of NPCC.