

October 1, 2014

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re: Informational Filing Regarding Commissioner Philip D. Moeller's Inquiry into the Trading of Natural Gas, and the Proposal to Establish an Electronic Information and Trading Platform, FERC Docket No. AD14-19-000**

Dear Ms. Bose:

On September 18, 2014, Commissioner Philip D. Moeller convened a meeting to discuss ideas to facilitate and improve the way in which natural gas is traded, and explore the concept of establishing a centralized information and trading platform for natural gas. As announced at the meeting, the above-captioned docket was created to allow interested parties to file written comments on any issue that was discussed at the meeting.<sup>1</sup>

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") has developed the attached report which is an analysis of the weather condition that occurred in early January of 2014 known as a polar vortex, where frigid arctic condition dipped down to much lower latitudes than normal, resulting in extreme cold weather. As expected, key factors during the event included fuel deliverability issues, natural gas pipeline outages, gas service interruptions, frozen electricity and gas equipment and other extreme cold weather operating challenges. The attached report analyzes the system impacts from the polar vortex and notes that the Bulk-Power System demonstrated resiliency, despite these challenging conditions.

As noted during the meeting convened by Commissioner Moeller, severe weather is a challenge to be addressed in exploring the concept of establishing a centralized information and trading platform for natural gas. For this reason, NERC is submitting the attached report for informational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> While the post-meeting notice requests that comments be limited to no more than five pages, NERC is not providing written comments on the conference, it is providing a report strictly for informational purposes.