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FOR APPROVAL OF UNAFFILIATED DIRECTOR**

COMES NOW the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT), the Independent Organization of the ERCOT Region, and respectfully requests Commission approval of Michehl R. Gent, as an Unaffiliated Director of the ERCOT Board. Pursuant to the ERCOT Bylaws, ERCOT's Corporate Members have approved the selection of this Unaffiliated Director. The Director will be seated at the March 21, 2006 Board meeting and will serve pending this Commission's decision on approval.

I. Statement of Jurisdiction and Authority

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 39.151 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA)¹.

II. Identification of Applicant

The name and address of the Applicant is the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, 7620 Metro Center Drive, Austin, Texas 78744.

The name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers of Applicant's authorized representative is as follows:

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¹ Tex. Util. Code Ann. §39.151.

III. Background

Pursuant to ERCOT's Amended and Restated Bylaws, the ERCOT Board established a Nominating Committee made up of Board members with representation from all Member Segments. At the direction of the Nominating Committee, ERCOT began its search for an Unaffiliated Director in the fall of 2005. ERCOT retained SpencerStuart, a nationally recognized executive search firm to assist in the search for a qualified candidate. As further detailed in the ERCOT Bylaws, Unaffiliated Directors must have significant professional credentials and independence from any Market Participant to prevent potential conflicts of interest.

SpencerStuart, a nationally recognized executive search firm that was selected through a competitive process, embarked upon the candidate identification and screening process and reviewed candidates based on direct knowledge and third-party references for the candidate, evaluating experience and functional expertise. SpencerStuart's recommendations were prepared and presented to the Nominating Committee. After determining that the candidate selected met ERCOT's requirements and needs, the Nominating Committee unanimously recommended selection of Michehl R. Gent as an Unaffiliated Director of the ERCOT Board. As reflected in Mr. Gent's professional credentials (Attachment A), he meets the qualification requirements to be seated as an Unaffiliated Director of the ERCOT Board. ERCOT's Corporate Members subsequently elected Michehl Gent to an Unaffiliated Director's seat on the Board in accordance with the Segment voting process.

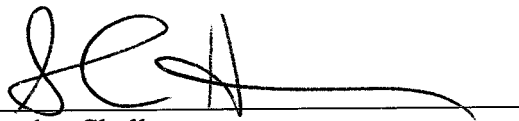
Corporate Membership voting for the Unaffiliated Director was conducted pursuant to Bylaws procedures requiring approval by a majority of Member Segments.

In order to promote compliance with requirements in the ERCOT Bylaws for Unaffiliated Directors, ERCOT will require that Mr. Gent sign an ERCOT Unaffiliated Director Ethics Agreement.

IV. Prayer

ERCOT respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving Michehl R. Gent as an Unaffiliated Director for the ERCOT Board.

Respectfully submitted,



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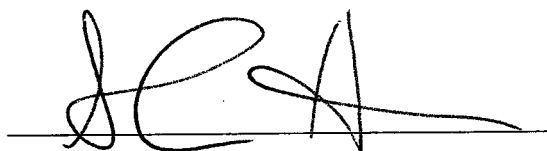
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shari Heino, attorney for ERCOT, certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on March 9, 2006 in the following manner: by facsimile or first class U.S. mail.



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CANDIDATE PRESENTATION

MICHEHL R. GENT

ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS

INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBER

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Professional Engineer

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

1980-2005	NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL Princeton, NJ
1983-2005	President and Chief Executive Officer
1980-1982	Executive Vice President
1973-1980	FLORIDA RELIABILITY COORDINATING COUNCIL Tallahassee, FL
	General Manager
1963-1973	LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER & POWER Los Angeles, CA
	Engineer

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DETAIL OF EXPERIENCE

1980-2005 **NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL**
Princeton, NJ

The North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) monitors wholesale activities on the grid and provides assessment, training, tools, and services in coordination with regional councils to ensure reliability. A voluntary organization, the council relies on the mutual interest of transmission operators; however, with deregulation effecting power transmission, the NERC is working with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promote an energy bill that will set mandatory reliability standards. The group was founded after the 1965 Northeast blackout (until 2003, the largest blackout in American history).

1983-2005 President and Chief Executive Officer

Mike's selected achievements and responsibilities include:

- Mandatory reliability standards developed through an ANSI-accredited standards development process. Currently 90 standards implemented and 20 in development.
- Disturbance investigations for lessons learned. Lead investigator for the 2003 Northeast blackout.
- Compliance Enforcement Program annually provides standards and compliance templates to regional compliance programs and oversees performance.
- Readiness Audit Program for all operating entities.
- Tagging and transmission loading curtailment system for North American electricity markets, including maintenance of a registry for all market participants.
- Certification programs for power system operators – examinations to obtain certificates and continuing education programs. Training program that certifies education providers and training content.
- Negotiated MOUs with Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and North American Energy Standards Board. Developed standard industry nondisclosure agreements.

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- Consensus reliability legislation in all Energy Bills that would create an electric reliability organization with the backing of the FERC to enforce mandatory reliability standards.

1980-1982 Executive Vice President

Mike's responsibilities and accomplishments included:

- Managed NERC staff and activities as COO.
- Implemented complete overhaul of administrative systems including accounting, payroll, retirement plan, and other personnel plans. Managed office move with no downtime for critical systems.
- Increase in staff size that required recruiting qualified experts.

1973-1980

FLORIDA RELIABILITY COORDINATING COUNCIL
Tallahassee, FL

The FRCC is responsible for setting the reliability standards, procedures, and policies that all users of the power transmission system must follow when operating in the region. FRCC encompasses Peninsular Florida, east of the Apalachicola River. It is electrically unique because it is a peninsula and is tied to the Eastern Interconnection only on one side. FRCC members comprise six industry sectors: power marketers, generators, non-investor-owned utilities-wholesale, load-serving entities, generating load-serving entities, and investor-owned utilities. A permanent staff located in Tampa, Florida, provides day-to-day coordination and support.

General Manager

Mike's achievements and responsibilities included:

- First employee of the FCG. Built an organization that successfully managed to coordinate stakeholder participation in a committee process to jointly operate and plan Florida's bulk electric supply system.
- The FCG was renamed the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council in 2000 and became the tenth NERC region.

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1963-1973

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER & POWER Los Angeles, CA

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is the largest municipally-owned utility in the US. LADWP provides electricity to 1.4 million residential and business customers and water to 662,000 customers. The company has power plant interests that give it more than 2,000 MW of generating capacity; it also buys and sells wholesale power. Most of the city's water supply is transported through two aqueduct systems from the Sierra Nevada Mountains; other water sources include wells and local groundwater basins. Because LADWP is city-owned, its retail monopoly status was unaffected by utility deregulation in California.

Engineer

Mike's achievements and responsibilities included:

- Power flow and transient stability studies. Operator for Network Calculator, conversion of software to IBM 7090, 360.
- Converted L&N control systems to IBM 1400 digital process control system.
- Demand forecasting models, production costing models.
- Negotiated Mojave Joint Ownership agreements.

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MICHEHL R. GENT

Michehl Gent was born in southwestern New York, but his family moved frequently during his childhood. Michehl's father built fuel economizers for boilers used by utility companies and he moved 13 times before the family settled in La Porte, Texas, when Michehl was a freshman in high school. Michehl served in the US Army from 1959-1961 and attended Texas A&M University, from which he graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

After college, Michehl began his career with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Engineers were in demand at the time and Michehl was recruited off-campus. He spent the next ten years rotating through various positions of responsibility. In 1973, Michehl took a job in Florida for which, by his own admission, he was not qualified. Michehl was impressed by the need for power pools and large entities rather than small independent companies so he became the first employee and general manager of the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council. Reporting to a board completely comprised of CEOs, Michehl successfully built the organization and managed to work with the 56-member utility companies (municipal utilities, cooperatives, and investor-owned utilities) to get them to work together and settle ownership issues related to nuclear power plans. Key to his success was his ability to formalize planning, develop operating rules and procedures, and to foster communication amongst the operating regions, predominantly at the CEO level.

In 1980, Michehl was recruited to the North American Electric Reliability Council by Andy Hines, the NERC Chairman and CEO of Florida Power Corporation. NERC needed someone to build a capable staff and bolster the organization in response to the Utility Policy Act. Michehl is quick to point out a number of candidates turned down the job before NERC chose him, a "lesser known."

Michehl announced his retirement in 2004 and has recruited his successor. He and his wife, Sandra, live in San Diego and he is actively seeking appropriate board of director positions.