

Market Redesign Update

ERCOT Board of Directors Meeting March 21, 2006



Highlights

- Protocols approved by PUCT
- Program Director on board
- Initial project plan completed



Protocols approved

Real time co-optimization

- Protocols include co-optimization of energy and ancillary services in the Day-Ahead market
- Commission staff has proposed similar co-optimization in the Realtime market
 - Staff indicates other markets have this feature now
 - NYISO implemented a RT co-opt. feature in February 2005 (ABB)
 - Australian markets has had such a feature for several years
 - California design includes RT Co-opt. (Siemens)
- ERCOT discussions with major vendors
 - Different views on what co-opt. means
 - All current implementations are SCED in "Look ahead" mode
- ERCOT stance
 - Technically feasible
 - Urge immediate decision
 - Stakeholder process should be followed to determine Protocols
 - Estimate 4-6 months for end-to-end Protocol definition and approval
 - Work will not start on RT Co-opt. until Protocols approved

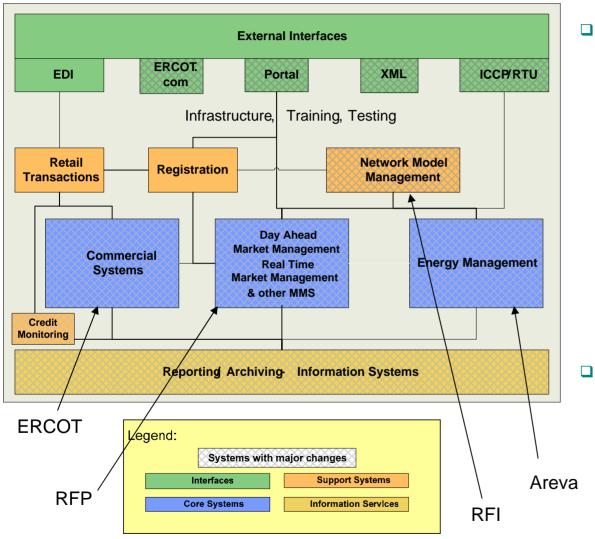


Network Model Management System

- Business requirements approved by TPTF
- Changes in NMMS needed to accommodate Nodal design
- Appealed to TAC by one TSP
 - ERCOT wants to understand the issues raised by TSP
 - Nodal modeling forum scheduled by ERCOT to facilitate discussions related to nodal modeling and TSP concerns
 - Two goals from that meeting
 - Goal 1: Develop a consensus on nodal modeling requirements
 - Goal 2: Develop ERCOT approach to meeting those requirements



Vendor Strategy



- Functions that are changing
 - Infrastructure, Training, Testing
 - Energy Management
 - Market Management
 - Day Ahead Market Management
 - Real Time Market Management
 - Commercial Systems
 - Reporting/Archiving
 - Network Model Management
 - External Interfaces
 - Portal
 - XML
 - ICCP/RTU
 - Changes in one system may have impacts on other systems
 - Effects sequencing of projects
 - Impacts amount of regression testing
 - Functions that do not have major changes
 - Retail Transactions
 - Registration
 - External Interfaces EDI



Market Redesign Project Plan

- Final plan to be ready by April 15
- TPTF Open House March 30