



# EECP Update Changes Made Since April 17, 2006

ERCOT Board of Directors

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# Changes Made

- **ERCOT Load Forecast Improvement**
  - Receiving independent forecast from third party for comparison
  - Project underway to enhance in-house load forecast model including input data checking
  - Average forecast error decreased: 2005 – 4.56%; 2006 - 3.82%
- **Operating Reserves**
  - Keying Advisories, Alerts and EECP off discounted value
  - Initial determination that event did not indicate need for increased reserve requirements
- **Changes to EECP Procedures**
  - Effective December 1, 2006 (April 19, 2007 for EILS)
  - Earlier implementation of Public Appeal for conservation – moved from Step 3 to no later than Step 2
  - Deployment of Emergency Interruptible Load Service is now Step 3
  - Advisories, Alerts and EECP triggered on a discounted reserve number more reflective of actual available capacity

# Changes Made (cont.)

- **Desirability of more Interruptible Load**
  - PUCT adopted Emergency Interruptible Load Service rule
  - Board approved PRR 705 in April to implement
  - Goal to obtain 500 - 1,000 MW of additional interruptible load
  - Initial April-May solicitation only attracted 156 MW of bids
  - TAC Long Term Solutions Task Force looking at better long term alternatives
- **Improved external communication procedures with PUCT, Legislature and Public**
  - Twice daily system status reports to PUCT and many others
  - Alerts and EECp steps communicated directly to PUCT and, Legislators, Governor's office, State Emergency Operations Center and Board as appropriate depending on level of concern
- **Review Transmission Operator (TO) Firm Load Shedding Procedures**
  - ERCOT Staff surveyed current TO procedures
  - Operations Working Group of ROS considering Guides changes to give more specific requirements regarding minimum time to shed requirements