Voting Item from the Operations Working Group (OWG)

ROS Meeting: May 15th, 2008

Vote: To drop the proposed ERCOT Black Start Study

History:

It was proposed 2 or 3 years ago to commission an ERCOT Black Start Study to review black start in ERCOT and determine if the current Black Start Plan would work as envisioned. It was also planned that a real exercise of part of the ERCOT Black Start plan would be executed. The Peters substation between LCRA and CNP was most often mentioned.

It is thought by the current Black Start Task Force and OWG that this proposal was initiated in ROS. The proposal was sent to OWG and then the BSTF for review. The cost of a consulting firm to perform the study was estimated to be in the $190,000 cost range. The study was estimated to take 1.5 to 2 years. A fair amount of labor (data, topology, etc.) would have to be provided by ERCOT entities.

Recommendation:

BSTF recommends that the study not be commissioned due to the costs, entity labor requirements, and the fact that we are all busy with Nodal. OWG agreed and recommends that ROS vote to drop this proposal.

On behalf of OWG and BSTF,

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