# **ERCOT Quick Facts**

## At a glance

72,820 megawatts (MW) generating capacity

62,339 MW system peak demand (August 2006)

13.8% reserve margin for 2008 (12.5% target)

38,000 miles of transmission lines

550 generation units

21 million Texans served

307 billion kilowatt-hours of power delivered annually

85% of Texas load

75% of Texas land area

\$30 billion market size

95% bilateral wholesale market

5% ERCOT-run balancing energy and ancillary services market

\$1.9 billion in annual billings



Senate Bill 7 (1999) restructured the Texas electric market by unbundling the investor-owned utilities and creating retail customer choice in those areas, and assigned ERCOT four primary responsibilities:

- System reliability planning and operations
- Open access to transmission
- Retail switching process for customer choice –
  Only ISO with responsibilities as registration agent for retail transactions
- Wholesale market settlement for electricity production and delivery

#### **Other Organizational Functions**

Wholesale market administration

Ancillary services market administration

System planning coordination

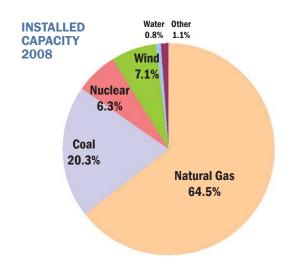
Renewable Energy Credits management (statewide)

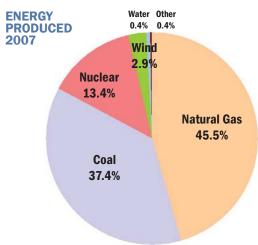
Market participant/stakeholder activity support

# How are we doing?

#### **Generation Development**

- 34,000 MW new generation added since 1996
- 10,245 MW of committed resources through 2013 (generation with interconnection agreements and air permits); includes 4,258 MW wind (effective loadcarrying capacity of 370 MW)
- 104,000 MW of generation interconnection requests in the queue, including approximately 49,000 MW wind, 15,500 MW nuclear, 31,000 MW natural gas, and 8,500 MW coal (April 2008)





#### **Transmission Investment**

- 6,200 circuit miles of transmission built since 1999
- 2,538 circuit miles of transmission under study
- \$3.9 billion investment in transmission placed in service since 1999
- \$3 billion under development

#### **Retail Service by Competitive Retailers**

- 46% of residential load
- 66% of small commercial load

### What's ahead?

Comprehensive nodal market implementation, anticipated launch in 2009, to include:

- Nodal locational marginal pricing for generation
- Congestion revenue rights
- Day-ahead energy and ancillary services co-optimized market
- Day-ahead and hourly reliability unit commitment
- Price cap increases phased in through 2009