ERCOT Regional Planning Group Charter and Procedures

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Background

- **Planning Charter was written in 2003 to define procedures and responsibilities**
  - Adjustment to procedures was made in 2004, but not incorporated into Charter document
- **RPG now has significant practical experience implementing these procedures**
  - Some things work well
  - Some things don't
  - Some issues aren't currently addressed
- **PUCT has made achieving appropriate level of ERCOT review a requirement for transmission projects in CCN and rate case filings**
- **RPG has spent about a year (off and on) preparing, and developing consensus around, this revised version**

Goals of Modifications

- **Modify to conform with current evolution of planning activities, including Five-Year Plan**
- **Clarify/modify project "tiers" and review process associated with each tier**
- **Add economic planning process and criteria approved by TAC in 2006**
- **Remove detailed requirements that are already included elsewhere in Protocols, Operating Guides, PUCT Rules, NERC Standards, generation interconnection procedures**
- **Retain informative voice, but eliminate sections that are solely for general educational purposes**

Project Tiers and Review Process

Other Issues

- **Single Regional Planning Group**
- **Expedited reviews for projects that are included in Five-Year Plan**
- **Tier of project can be raised by ERCOT, based on stakeholder comments received**
- **Revised process for determining which projects identified in generation interconnection studies need RPG review**
- **Established process for revising projects that have already received ERCOT Endorsement**

Questions?