

Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)
Nodal Program
Approved vs. Revised Preliminary Budget

Line	Expense Category	Approved Budget	Revised Preliminary Budget	Variance
1	Internal Labor Costs	\$ 35,858,381	\$ 86,140,621	\$ 50,282,239
2	External Resource Costs	175,093,797	292,559,312	117,465,515
3	Administrative & Employee Expenses	7,614,628	3,078,690	(4,535,938)
4	Software & Software Maintenance	17,053,096	37,131,338	20,078,241
5	Hardware & Hardware Maintenance	42,103,029	54,417,538	12,314,509
6	Contingency	15,000,000	58,627,636	43,627,636
7	Subtotal - Direct Costs	292,722,931	531,955,134	239,232,203
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9	Backfill	1,422,626	8,479,263	7,056,638
10	Indirect Support Costs	10,589,195	17,803,472	7,214,277
11	Facilities Allocation	4,126,574	7,856,531	3,729,957
12	Subtotal - Overhead Costs	16,138,395	34,139,266	18,000,871
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14	Financing Costs	42,154,600	93,905,600	51,751,000
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16	Total - Nodal Program Costs	\$ 351,015,926	\$ 660,000,000	\$ 308,984,074
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18	Less: Zonal/Nodal Interdependencies	(39,720,226)	(39,720,226)	-
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20	Amount to be Recovered from Nodal Surcharge	\$ 311,295,700	\$ 620,279,774	\$ 308,984,074
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NOTE:
Approved budget reflects authorization approved by the Public Utility Commission on May 13, 2008 per Docket 35428.