## Critical Milestones in the Nodal Program Schedule

## Critical Milestones along the Critical path

- 04/08/09 MMS5 Pre-FAT Completed (ABB)
- 08/24/09 MMS5 FAT Completed
- 02/12/10 Integration (End-to-End) Testing Completed
- 09/03/10 168-Hour Testing Start
- 10/04/10 168 Hour Testing Complete

## Other Critical Milestones in the Plan

- Market Trials Milestones [previously known as EDS]
- Market Participant Readiness Validated
- ERCOT Readiness Validated

## **Controlling the Schedule**

- Critical path elements and other critical milestones are reviewed by projects and the program weekly
- Weekly updates by each project team and vendor
- Threats to completion are handled with corrective action,

Critical Milestones	Potential Corrective Actions
MMS5 Pre-FAT Completed	<ul> <li>Add ABB resources, if work can be accelerated</li> <li>Put ERCOT resources on-site to accelerate testing</li> </ul>
MMS5 FAT Completed	<ul> <li>Reduce scope that covers Sev 3 defects not yet complete, and not required for Go-Live</li> <li>Have ABB staff on-site at ERCOT to assist with defect resolution</li> <li>Prioritize test cases to optimize regression testing</li> </ul>
Integration Testing Completed	<ul> <li>Augment staffing, if doing so accelerates the work</li> <li>Execute scenarios by priority that matches expected MP activity in Market Trials</li> <li>Perform as many as possible by completion date, with remainder in parallel with Market Trials</li> </ul>

