Protocol Revision Request

PRR Number	799	PRR Title	ERCOT CEO Approval of NPRRs and SCRs Prior to Posting on MIS
Date Posted		January 19, 2009	

Protocol Sections Requiring Revision	21.8.1, Review and Posting of System Change Requests 21.11.3.1, Review and Posting of Nodal Protocol Revision Requests
Requested Resolution (Normal or Urgent, and justification for Urgent status)	Urgent. In mid-2008, ERCOT put into place new change control processes for the Nodal project that required approval by the ERCOT Chief Executive Officer (CEO) before any Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) could take effect. Although these processes greatly reduced the amount of NPRRs that are adopted, ERCOT Staff was still required to spend a great deal of time preparing Impact Analyses for NPRRs that are proposed. At the January 14, 2009 Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) Open Meeting, the Commission expressed concerns that certain committees and groups may "somehow slow down the process" for finalizing a Nodal market. The Commission also commented that "it's about time we lock [Nodal] down … stop designing and redesigning it; we are entering a very critical phase of integration and testing, not only for ERCOT but also for Market Participants." As a result of the issues discussed above, revised Protocol language is proposed that gives the ERCOT CEO more scope control over the Nodal project in order to deliver a Nodal market within a designated schedule.
Revision Description	This Protocol Revision Request (PRR) mandates ERCOT CEO approval before NPRRs may be posted to the Market Information System (MIS). This PRR also mandates ERCOT CEO approval for System Change Requests (SCRs) that impact system functionality for the Nodal market. This PRR also allows an appeal mechanism for the submitter of the NPRR or SCR if the ERCOT CEO's decision is to reject the NPRR or SCR.
Reason for Revision	Lock down system functionality for the Nodal market and deliver the Nodal market within a designated schedule.
Overall Market Benefit	Not applicable.
Overall Market Impact	Not applicable.
Consumer Impact	Not applicable.
Credit Implications	None.

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Relevance to Nodal Market	Yes. This PRR allows ERCOT to better manage the scope of the Nodal project and control costs and schedule impacts that may affect the Nodal Go-Live date for a Nodal market.
Nodal Protocol Section(s) Requiring Revision	None.

Quantitative Impacts and Benefits

Assumptions	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
Market Cost		**Impact Area**	**Monetary Impact**
	1	*Not applicable.*	*Not applicable.*
	2		
	3		
	4		
Market Benefit		**Impact Area**	**Monetary Impact**
	1	*Not applicable.*	*Not applicable.*
	2		
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	4		
Additional Qualitative Information	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
Other Comments	1		
	2		
	3		
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Proposed Protocol Language Revision

21.8.1 Review and Posting of System Change Requests

SCRs shall be submitted electronically to ERCOT by completing the designated form provided on the MIS. ERCOT shall provide an electronic return receipt response to the submitter upon receipt of the SCR. All SCRs must include a detailed explanation of the effect to the ERCOT market structure, ERCOT Market Participants, and ERCOT operations.

The SCR shall also include the following information:

(1) description of desired additional system functionality or the additional information desired;

(2) reason for the suggested change;

(3) impacts and benefits of the suggested change to ERCOT operations and Market Participants, to the extent that submitter may know this information; and

(4) general administrative information (organization, contact name, etc.).

ERCOT shall evaluate the SCR to determine whether the request should be submitted as a PRR or NPRR. If ERCOT determines that the SCR should be submitted as a PRR or NPRR, ERCOT will notify the submitting Entity within five (5) Business Days of receipt, and the submitting Entity shall withdraw its SCR and may submit a PRR or NPRR in its place.

ERCOT shall evaluate the SCR for completeness and shall notify the submitting Entity, within five (5) Business Days of receipt, if the SCR is incomplete, including the reasons for such status. ERCOT may provide information to the submitter that will correct the SCR and render it complete. An incomplete SCR shall not receive further consideration until it is completed. In order to pursue the SCR requested, the submitting Entity must submit a completed version of the SCR with the deficiencies corrected.

Any SCR that impacts system functionality for the Nodal market must be approved by the ERCOT Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") before assigning the SCR to the appropriate subcommittee of TAC ("Assigned TAC Subcommittee) and posting on the MIS. ERCOT shall notify the submitter of the SCR of the ERCOT CEO's decision within five (5) Business Days after a determination of completeness. If the ERCOT CEO rejects the SCR, the submitter of the

SCR may appeal the decision directly to the Board. Such appeal to the Board must be submitted to ERCOT within ten (10) Business Days after the date of the ERCOT CEO's decision.

ERCOT shall assign a complete SCR to the ~~appropriate subcommittee of TAC ("~~Assigned TAC Subcommittee~~")~~, post the SCR to the MIS and distribute the SCR to the Assigned TAC Subcommittee within three (3) Business Days of receipt or after the ERCOT CEO's approval of the SCR that impacts system functionality for the Nodal market.

21.11.3.1 Review and Posting of Nodal Protocol Revision Requests

(1) NPRRs shall be submitted electronically to ERCOT by completing the designated form provided on the MIS. ERCOT shall provide an electronic return receipt response to the submitter upon receipt of the NPRR.

(2) The NPRR shall include the following information:

(a) Description of requested revision;

(b) Reason for the suggested change, including whether the appropriate TAC task force has reviewed the change and the date of such consideration;

(c) Impacts and benefits of the suggested change on ERCOT market structure, ERCOT operations, and Market Participants, to the extent that the submitter may know this information;

(d) List of affected Nodal Protocol sections and subsections;

(e) General administrative information (organization, contact name, etc.); and

(f) Suggested language for requested revision.

(3) ERCOT shall evaluate the NPRR for completeness and shall notify the submitter, within five (5) Business Days of receipt, if the NPRR is incomplete, including the reasons for such status. ERCOT may provide information to the submitter that will correct the NPRR and render it complete. An incomplete NPRR may not receive further consideration until it is completed. In order to pursue the revision requested, a submitter must submit a completed version of the NPRR with the deficiencies corrected.

(4) Once the NPRR has been determined to be complete, the NPRR must be approved by the ERCOT Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") before posting on the MIS. ERCOT shall notify the submitter of the NPRR of the ERCOT CEO's decision within five (5) Business Days after a determination of completeness. If the ERCOT CEO rejects the NPRR, the submitter of the NPRR may appeal the decision directly to the Board. Such appeal to the Board must be submitted to ERCOT within ten (10) Business Days after the date of the ERCOT CEO's decision.

(~~4~~5) If a submitted NPRR ~~is complete or once a NPRR is corrected~~has been approved by the ERCOT CEO, ERCOT shall post the completed ~~or corrected~~ NPRR to the MIS and distribute the NPRR to the PRS within three (3) Business Days after ~~it is completed or corrected~~ approval.

ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) Board of Directors (Board) deems it desirable and in ERCOT's best interest to approve PRR799 – ERCOT CEO Approval of NPRRs and SCRs Prior to Posting on MIS, as amended.

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves PRR799, as amended.

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Michael G. Grable, Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its February 17, 2009 meeting, the ERCOT Board passed a motion approving the above Resolution by a unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of February, 2009.

Michael G. Grable
Corporate Secretary