

System Planning Division

Monthly Status Report

to

Reliability and Operations Subcommittee

for March 2009

Report Highlights

•	ERCOT is currently tracking 262 active generation interconnection requests totaling over 105,000 MW. This includes almost 52,000 MW of wind generation.
•	Regional Planning is currently reviewing proposed transmission improvements with a total cost of \$1,012.9 Million
•	Transmission Projects approved in 2009 total \$ 74 Million
•	All projects (in engineering, routing, licensing and construction) totals approximately \$4.1 Billion
•	Transmission Projects energized in 2008 total about \$453 million

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1. Generation Interconnection

Additional information regarding detailed generation interconnection and impact studies is contained in the "Generation Project Interconnection Information" folder in the "Operations and System Planning" area on the ERCOT website: <u>http://planning.ercot.com/login/login</u>.

1.1 New Generation Beginning Commercial Operations

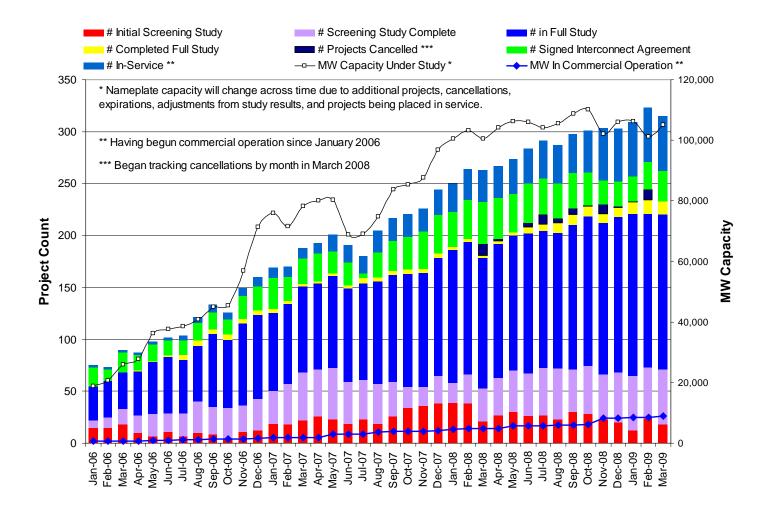
• Cedar Bayou 4 (08INR0035) - 535 MW Combined Cycle in Chambers County

1.2 New Generation Interconnection Agreements

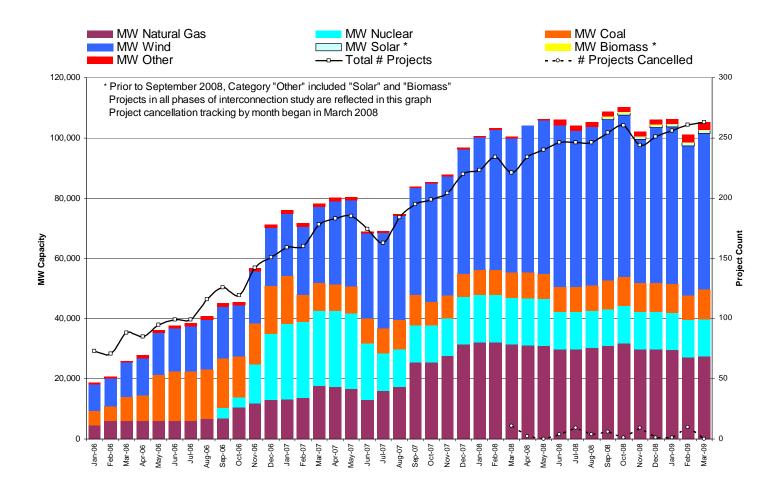
- Sterling Energy Center Wind (09INR0026) 300 MW in Sterling County
- Langford Wind Power (10INR0026) 150 MW in Tom Green County
- TECO Central Plant (11INR0014) 50 MW in Harris County
- Panther Creek 3 Wind (11INR0015) 200 MW in Concho County

1.3 Summary of Active Generation Interconnection Requests

GENERATION INTERCONNECTION REQUESTS CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED										
Currently tracking 262 active generation interconnection or change requests										
As of March 31, 2009 North South West Total										
Security Screening Study	5	7	6	18						
SSS Completed	3	12	38	53						
Full Interconnect Study	34	37	78	149						
FIS Completed	2	10	1	13						
Interconnect Agreement Completed	8	8	13	29						
Capacity under Interconnection Agreements	5,458	2,089	2,163	9,710						
Capacity for Grid, MW	26,721	36,518	41,936	105,175						
Wind Capacity, MW	3,050	9,924	38,923	51,897						



Fuel Type	Confidential Projects (MW)	Projects Under Full Study (MW)	Projects w/ Interconnect Agreement/Public Letter (MW)	Grand Total (MW)
Gas-CC	-	-	4,740	4,740
Gas-CT	-	-	720	720
Total Gas	3,774	18,254	5,460	27,488
Nuclear	-	3,200	9,186	12,386
Coal	2,050	3,550	4,131	9,731
Wind	13,688	30,691	7,518	51,897
Solar	1,043	-	-	1,043
Biomass	-	55	145	200
Other	950	1,480	-	2,430
Grand Total	21,505	57,230	26,440	105,175



1.4 Publicly Disclosed Generation Interconnection Projects

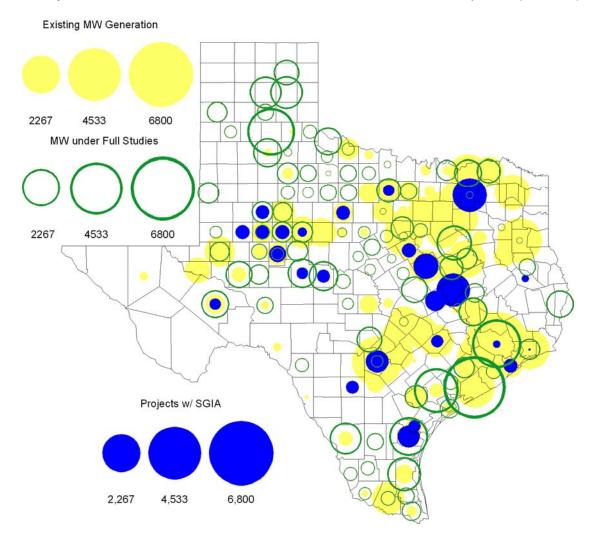
The table below summarizes the publicly disclosed generation projects for the ERCOT region.

(IA=Interconnect Agreement, PL=Public Letter, XX= cancelled)

	Generation Interconnections as of March 31, 2009										
INR	SiteName	Status	County	Region	COD	Fuel	MW For Grid	Change from Last Report			
07INR0036	Coyote Run Windfarm	IA	Borden	West	Apr-09	Wind	225	date			
08INR0046	Bosque Expansion	IA	Bosque	North	Apr-09	Gas-CC	255	date			
07INR0027	S Houston Green Power Exp	IA	Galveston	South	Apr-09	Gas-CC	244				
07INR0028b	Goat Wind - phase 2	IA	Sterling	West	Apr-09	Wind	70				
09INR0072	Dansby3	PL	Brazos	North	Apr-09	Gas-CT	48				
10INR0025	Mont Belvieu	IA	Chambers	South	Apr-09	Gas-CT	0				
08INR0003	Sandow 5	IA	Milam	North	Apr-09	Coal	581				
08INR0012a	Papalote Creek Wind Farm	IA	San Patricio	South	May-09	Wind	180				
09INR0060	Stephens Wind Farm	PL	Borden	West	May-09	Wind	141				
09INR0027	Winchester Power Park	IA	Fayette	South	Jun-09	Gas-CT	178				
09INR0036	McAdoo Energy Center II	PL	Dickens	West	Jun-09	Wind	500				
09INR0006a	Oak Grove SES 1	IA	Robertson	North	Jul-09	Coal	855				
09INR0039	Nueces Bay 7 Repowering	IA	Nueces	South	Jul-09	Gas-CC	327	date			
09INR0079	Pearsall Expansion	PL	Frio	South	Aug-09	Gas-CT	200				

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05INR0015b	Gulf Wind 2	PL	Kenedy	South	Sep-09	Wind	400	
08INR0033	Lufkin	IA	Angelina	North	Sep-09	Biomass	45	
09INR0015	Comanche Peak 1&2 Upgrade	PL	Somervell	North	Oct-09	Nuclear	86	
09INR0028	V H Braunig 6	PL	Bexar	South	Oct-09	Gas-CT	185	
09INR0038	Barney Davis 2 Repowering	IA	Nueces	South	Nov-09	Gas-CC	360	
11INR0015	Panther Creek 3	IA	Concho	West	Nov-09	Wind	200	ne
08INR0038	M Bar Wind	PL	Andrews	West	Dec-09	Wind	194	
09INR0034	Gatesville Wind Farm	PL	Coryell	North	Dec-09	Wind	200	
09INR0047	Loraine Windpark	IA	Mitchell	West	Dec-09	Wind	251	
10INR0026	Langford Wind Power	IA	Tom Green	West	Dec-09	Wind	150	n
06INR0029	Jackson Mountain	IA	Nolan	West	Jan-10	Wind	90	
09INR0006b	Oak Grove SES 2	IA	Robertson	North	Jan-10	Coal	855	
11INR0014	TECO Central Plant	IA	Harris	South	Feb-10	Gas-CC	50	n
09INR0037	Scurry County Wind III	PL	Scurry	West	Mar-10	Wind	350	
09INR0002	J K Spruce 2	IA	Bexar	South	Jun-10	Coal	750	
09INR0045	Sand Hill Peakers	PL	Travis	South	Jul-10	Gas-CT	94	
05INR0015c	Gulf Wind 3	PL	Kenedy	South	Sep-10	Wind	400	
06INR0012b	Sherbino Mesa Wind Farm 2	IA	Pecos	West	Oct-10	Wind	150	
08INR0011	Senate Wind Project	IA	Jack	North	Nov-10	Wind	150	
12INR0003	Throckmorton Wind Farm	PL	Throckmorton	West	Dec-10	Wind	400	
08INR0065	Buffalo Gap 4 and 5	PL	Nolan	West	Mar-11	Wind	465	d
10INR0020	Panda Temple Power	PL	Bell	North	May-11	Gas-CC	1,092	
10INR0010	Jack County 2	PL	Jack	North	Jun-11	Gas-CC	620	
08INR0018	Gunsight Mountain	IA	Howard	West	Aug-11	Wind	120	d
06INR0026	Wild Horse Mountain	IA	Howard	West	Dec-11	Wind	120	
08INR0025	Pistol Hill Energy Center	PL	Ector	West	Dec-11	Wind	300	
09INR0007	Nacogdoches Project	PL	Nacogdoches	North	Apr-12	Biomass	100	
07INR0004	Pampa Energy Center	PL	Gray	West	May-12	Coal	165	
09INR0001	Sandy Creek 1	IA	McLennan	North	Jun-12	Coal	925	
09INR0024	B&B Panhandle Wind	PL	Carson	West	Jun-12	Wind	1,001	
09INR0026	Sterling Energy Center	IA	Sterling	West	Jun-12	Wind	300	
09INR0026a	Sterling Energy Center	PL	Sterling	West	Jun-12	Wind	200	
12INR0004	Fort Concho Wind Farm	PL	Tom Green	West	Jul-12	Wind	400	
08INR0040	Lenorah Project	IA	Martin	West	Sep-12	Wind	251	
06INR0006	Cobisa-Greenville	IA	Hunt	North	May-13	Gas-CC	1,792	
04INR0011b	Mesquite Wind Phase 4	IA	Shackelford	West	Jun-13	Wind	136	
04INR0011c	Cottonwood Wind	IA	Shackelford	West	Jun-13	Wind	100	
11INR0011	Victoria City Nuclear	PL	Victoria	South	Jan-15	Nuclear	3,200	
15INR0002	Comanche Peak 3 and 4	PL	Somervel	North	Jan-15	Nuclear	3,200	
15INR0008	STP 3 and 4	PL	Matagorda	South	Jan-15	Nuclear	2,700	
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County Location of Installed Generation and Interconnection Requests (all fuels)

1.5 Generation Projects Undergoing Full Interconnection Studies

Project	County	Capacity (MW)	COD	Fuel	Project	County	Capacity (MW)	COD	Fuel
08INR0009	Jack	150	TBD	Wind	08INR0044	Concho	200	TBD	Wind
08INR0049	Clay	50	TBD	Wind	06INR0022c	Kenedy	200	TBD	Wind
08INR0062	Archer	249	TBD	Wind	08INR0061	Hardeman	200	TBD	Wind
08INR0020	Eastland	200	TBD	Wind	09INR0064	Borden	41	TBD	Wind
08INR0042	Coke	200	TBD	Wind	08INR0041	Coke	200	TBD	Wind
09INR0063	Nueces	289	Apr-09	Gas	08INR0060	Hidalgo	279	Apr-09	Gas
09INR0005	Calhoun	280	Apr-09	Other	09INR0059	Freestone	20	May-09	Coal
08INR0014	Webb	183	May-09	Wind	07INR0026	Baylor	400	May-09	Wind
08INR0005	Wise	400	Jun-09	Gas	09INR0025	Concho	180	Jun-09	Wind
09INR0044	Coke	60	Sep-09	Wind	10INR0027	Nueces	35	Oct-09	Wind
09INR0075	Kinney	248	Oct-09	Wind	09INR0055	McCulloch	299	Oct-09	Wind

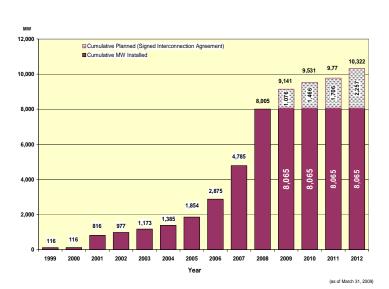
09INR0041	Mitchell	300	Oct-09	Wind	07INR0014b	Wilbarger	70	Oct-09	Wind
07INR0014a	Wilbarger	140	Oct-09	Wind	09INR0048	Jack	150	Oct-09	Wind
08INR0054	Comanche	401	Oct-09	Wind	11INR0015	Concho	200	Nov-09	Wind
09INR0073	Scurry	200	Nov-09	Wind	08INR0031	Childress	100	Nov-09	Wind
09INR0029	Calhoun	263	Dec-09	Coal	11INR0013	Mills	150	Dec-09	Wind
08INR0039	Hamilton	90	Dec-09	Wind	09INR0082	Webb	300	Dec-09	Wind
11INR0012	Duval	400	Dec-09	Wind	09INR0065	Webb	150	Dec-09	Wind
09INR0077	Reagan	500	Dec-09	Wind	09INR0061	Kent	258	Dec-09	Wind
09INR0058	Howard	250	Dec-09	Wind	09INR0054	Stonewall	149	Dec-09	Wind
09INR0051	Borden	249	Dec-09	Wind	08INR0056	Nolan	149	Dec-09	Wind
08INR0023	Floyd	100	Dec-09	Wind	08INR0022	Floyd	100	Dec-09	Wind
07INR0008	Howard	35	Dec-09	Wind	10INR0011	Johnson	275	Jan-10	Gas
11INR0036a	Matagorda	200	Jan-10	Wind	11INR0033a	Cameron	200	Jan-10	Wind
10INR0047	Kendall	1,000	Jan-10	Wind	10INR0048	Hardeman	1,000	Jan-10	Wind
10INR0024	Briscoe	3,000	Jan-10	Wind	10INR0022	Harris	3,500	Mar-10	Gas
09INR0062	Brown	140	Mar-10	Wind	10INR0046	Jim Hogg	264	Apr-10	Wind
10INR0045	Webb	734	Apr-10	Wind	10INR0017	Chambers	685	May-10	Gas
10INR0054	Palo Pinto	36	May-10	Wind	10INR0079	Nolan	60	May-10	Wind
10INR0023	Haskell	386	May-10	Wind	10INR0016	Childress	150	May-10	Wind
09INR0070	Reagan	42	May-10 May-10	Wind	09INR0069	Reagan	36	May-10	Wind
09INR0035	Concho	750	May-10 May-10	Wind	09INR0018	Concho	249	May-10	Wind
07INR0032	Tom Green	249	May-10 May-10	Wind	10INR0069	Rusk	818	May-10	Coal
10INR0076	Webb	249	-	Wind	09INR0081	Rusk	818	Jun-10	Coal
10INR0076	Hood	810	May-10 Jun-10	Gas	10INR0035	Harris	416	Jun-10	Gas
			Jul-10	Gas	10INR0035 10INR0052a		21	Jul-10	Wind
10INR0012	Nacogdoches	300				Knox			-
10INR0013	Upton Mata sauda	400	Jul-10	Wind	10INR0038	Glasscock	350	Aug-10	Wind
10INR0071	Matagorda	88	Sep-10	Wind	10INR0015	Mitchell	350	Oct-10	Wind
09INR0074	Motley	70	Oct-10	Wind	10INR0070	Hunt	50	Nov-10	Gas
10INR0039	Dickens	200	Nov-10	Wind	10INR0032	Navarro	800	Dec-10	Gas
09INR0031	Ector	275	Dec-10	Gas	10INR0042	Mason	170	Dec-10	Wind
10INR0060	Willacy	401	Dec-10	Wind	10INR0059	Zapata	251	Dec-10	Wind
09INR0076	Jackson	300	Dec-10	Wind	10INR0077	Callahan	101	Dec-10	Wind
10INR0056	Borden	249	Dec-10	Wind	10INR0049	Pecos	200	Dec-10	Wind
10INR0033	Armstrong	420	Dec-10	Wind	10INR0019	Deaf Smith	609	Dec-10	Wind
10INR0008	Pecos	500	Dec-10	Wind	07INR0035	Tom Green	270	Dec-10	Wind
07INR0017	Erath	210	Dec-10	Wind	07INR0015	Foard	180	Dec-10	Wind
07INR0013	Coke	200	Dec-10	Wind	11INR0036b	Matagorda	200	Jan-11	Wind
11INR0033b	Cameron	200	Jan-11	Wind	11INR0037	Smith	55	May-11	Biomass
11INR0028	Grimes	1,280	May-11	Gas	11INR0046	Brazoria	300	May-11	Gas
10INR0009	Castro	200	May-11	Wind	11INR0009	Navarro	1,200	Jun-11	Gas
09INR0050	Fannin	1,200	Jun-11	Gas	11INR0057	Cameron	144	Jun-11	Wind
11INR0022	Tom Green	200	Jun-11	Wind	11INR0021	Tom Green	200	Jun-11	Wind
11INR0019	Upton	200	Jun-11	Wind	11INR0006	Lamar	579	Jul-11	Gas
06INR0041	Newton	1,160	Jul-11	Gas	11INR0040	freestone	749	Aug-11	Gas
11INR0039	Starr	201	Sep-11	Wind	11INR0008a	Roberts	1,000	Sep-11	Wind
10INR0021	Grayson	646	Nov-11	Gas	09INR0016	Yoakum	680	Nov-11	Gas
06INR0022d	Kenedy	200	Dec-11	Wind	11INR0025	Crockett	400	Dec-11	Wind
11INR0005	Upton	500	Dec-11	Wind	10INR0018	Madison	550	Mar-12	Gas
12INR0007	Lamar	296	May-12	Gas	12INR0006	Limestone	875	Jun-12	Coal
12INR0020	Wharton	660	Jun-12	Gas	12INR0002	Briscoe	750	Jul-12	Wind

12INR0016	Nueces	1,200	Nov-12	Other
08INR0019b	Gray	250	Nov-12	Wind
06INR0022f	Kenedy	200	Dec-12	Wind
12INR0005	Floyd	1,100	Dec-12	Wind
12INR0009	Nueces	875	May-13	Gas
13INR0006	Gray	750	Oct-13	Wind
14INR0002	Goliad	756	Feb-14	Coal
15INR0003	Matagorda	3,200	Jan-15	Nuclear

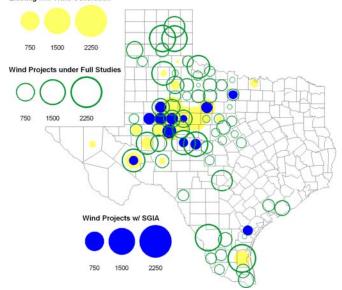
08INR0019c	Gray	250	Nov-12	Wind
08INR0019a	Gray	250	Nov-12	Wind
06INR0022b	Kenedy	200	Dec-12	Wind
11INR0023	King	400	Dec-12	Wind
13INR0005	Carson	600	Oct-13	Wind
06INR0022e	Kenedy	200	Dec-13	Wind
14INR0001	Pecos	500	Dec-14	Wind

1.6 Wind Generation

Wind Capacity Installed by Year



County Location of Installed Capacity and Interconnection Requests Existing MW Wind Generation



2. Regional Planning Group Project Reviews

- American Electric Power Service Corporation submitted a project to construct 2 new 138 kV substations, rebuild a 138 kV circuit, build 2 new 138 kV circuits, and install a new 138/69 kV autotransformer in the Abilene/San Angelo area. The estimated cost of this project is \$105.9 M. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review.
- Luminant submitted a set of projects to reduce North to South Congestion. It consists of several 138 kV line upgrades and series reactor installations. The total cost for all projects is approximately \$31 M. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review.
- Oncor submitted a project to relieve congestion related to new wind units in the Lamesa area. The project will upgrade the Lamesa to Bluff Creek 138 kV line, rebuild the Bluff Creek to China Grove 138 kV line, rebuild the Lamesa to Ackerly Vealmoor 69 kV line to 138/69 kV double circuit, rebuild the Lamesa 138 kV switching station, build a new 138 kV Ackerly Vealmoor station, add second circuits to all rebuilt lines and include station upgrades at China Grove and Big Spring. The cost of this project is \$ 80.8 M. This project will be reviewed to ensure that the improvements fit into the likely CREZ transmission solution for the area. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review and will be studied as part of the 2009 Five-Year Transmission Plan.
- Oncor submitted a project to add several 345 kV circuits to support the addition of Comanche Peak units 3 and 4 in 2015 at an estimated cost of \$ 133 M. These upgrades include a new 345 kV double circuit line with one circuit in place from Comanche to Whitney, a new 345 kV line from Comanche to Johnson Switch, a new circuit on existing structures from Johnson Switch to Everman, a new 345 kV double circuit with one circuit in place from Comanche to DeCordova, and a new 345 kV line on existing structures from Comanche to Parker Switch. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review and will be studied when the 2009 Five-Year Transmission Plan is complete.
- Oncor submitted a project to add a 138/69 kV autotransformer at Stanton East into the Spraberry to Big Spring 69 kV line and rebuild the 138 kV line from Stanton East to Big Spring Switch. This project will cost \$15 M with an estimated completion date no earlier than summer 2011. The review of this project is complete and a RPG Acceptance Letter has been completed.
- Sharyland Utilities submitted a project to construct and operate the ERCOT Southeast Loop facilities consisting of a 345 kV double circuit from Lufkin to Canal 345 kV substation on the northeast side of Houston. This project will cost \$359 M with an estimated completion date of summer 2013. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review and will be studied as part of the 2009 Five-Year Transmission Plan.
- Austin Energy submitted a project to relocate the Decker to Techridge circuit to new ROW so that the existing structures can be utilized for the new Gilleland to Techridge circuit. The estimated completion date of this project is November 2010 and estimated cost is \$ 4.3 M. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review.
- The Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Company (LCRA TSC) submitted a project to construct a new 6.2 mile transmission line from Highway 123 to Cushman substation. The estimated completion date of this project is June 2014 and estimated cost is \$ 11.6 M. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review.
- The Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Company (LCRA TSC) submitted a project to upgrade and convert a 27.7 mile Flatonia-Moulton-Henkhaus-Shiner-Yoakum Gartner Road 69 kV

transmission line to 138 kV. The estimated completion date of this project is June 2011 and estimated cost is \$ 18.6 M. The review of this project is complete and a RPG Acceptance Letter has been completed.

- The Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Company (LCRA TSC) submitted a project to construct a new 7.8 mile transmission line between the existing GPI and Parkway substations. The estimated completion date of this project is June 2013 and estimated cost is \$ 12.9 M. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review.
- Centerpoint Energy has submitted a project to expand the Zenith substation, add one 800 MVA autotransformer, connect Zenith to existing circuits near the Gertie substation and upgrade/reconfigure nearby 138 kV circuits. The estimated completion date of this project is summer 2012 and estimated cost is \$ 26.6 M. This project is in ERCOT Independent Review.
- American Electric Power Service Corporation submitted a project to construct several improvements in the Corpus Christi area. The estimated completion date of this project is June 2012 and estimated cost is \$ 214 M. This project is in the comment period.

3. Other Notable Activities

All postings referred to below can be found at <u>http://planning.ercot.com/login/login</u> unless otherwise indicated.

- ERCOT Regional Planning has begun work on the 2009 Five-Year Transmission Plan utilizing the latest SSWG base cases. This work is in the conditioning phase where projects in the base cases requiring RPG review that have not undergone that review are removed. This phase is complete and the reliability phase will soon begin.
- Completed initial RMR determination on Luminant Notice of Suspension of Operations (NSO) submission and released 12 units. Studies to make a final determination on three other units are still ongoing.
- RMR determination studies are complete for which a Notice of Suspension of Operations (NSO) was received from CPS Energy for WB Tuttle units 1, 3, and 4. None of these units were found to be needed for RMR service.
- The Annual Load Data Request (ALDR) training was held on January 21, 2009.
- ERCOT TPIT report for 2009 first quarter was posted on March 2, 2009. A new column to identify the Planning Charter Tier has been added to TPIT. This column also identifies CREZ and CREZ modified projects.
- TPIT05012009 individual worksheets were sent to TO's for their updates and changes. All data changes are due back to ERCOT by May 2, 2009.
- Updated SSWG 2009 Data Set A & Data Set B cases have been posted
- SPWG 2009 current year short circuit case has been posted
- ALDR data was compiled and made available to the SSWG members for their use in developing the 2010 base cases.