



**Date:** May 13, 2009  
**To:** ERCOT Board of Directors  
**From:** Mark Bruce, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair  
**Subject:** Protocol Revision Requests (PRRs)

**Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors**

**ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date:** May 20, 2009

**Agenda Item No.:** 08a

**Issue:**

Consideration of the following PRRs:

- PRR797 – Removal of Reference to ERCOT Business Processes
- PRR800 – Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) Day Ahead Metric – URGENT

**Background/History:**

Unless otherwise noted: (i) all Market Segments were present for each vote and (ii) ERCOT Credit Staff and the Credit Work Group (Credit WG) have reviewed the revision requests and do not believe it requires changes to credit monitoring activity or the calculation of liability.

- ***PRR797 – Removal of Reference to ERCOT Business Processes [ERCOT]. Proposed effective date: June 1, 2009. No budgetary impact; no additional full-time equivalents needed; no system changes required; existing business processes can accommodate this PRR; no impact to grid operations.*** This PRR revises the term “Generation Resource Asset Registration Form” in Section 4.10.4.1, Low Sustainable Limit (LSL) Requirements for Wind-powered Generation Resources (WGRs), to a generic phrase “as registered with ERCOT.” PRR797 and its corresponding Impact Analysis were posted on January 12, 2009. On February 19, 2009, the Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS) unanimously voted to recommend approval of PRR797 as submitted. On March 19, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to forward the PRS Recommendation Report and the Impact Analysis to TAC for approval. On April 9, 2009, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of PRR797 as recommended by PRS. *Credit review is pending.*
- ***PRR800 – QSE Day Ahead Metric [ERCOT] – URGENT. Proposed effective date: Upon System Implementation. Estimated cost less than \$50K to be managed under the operations and management (O&M) budget; no additional full-time equivalents needed; ERCOT source systems will not be modified or impacted – ERCOT will develop a reporting solution which will query and report data from source systems; no additional business processes required; no impact to grid operations.*** This PRR re-defines the Day Ahead metric for both WGR QSEs and non-WGR QSEs to ensure that both categories of QSEs schedule enough capacity in the Day Ahead market to meet their planned energy schedules plus Ancillary Service Obligations. This PRR removes the WGR QSEs exemption established in PRR777 – WGR QSE Metric Correction. PRR800 and its corresponding



Impact Analysis were posted on January 21, 2009. On February 19, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to table PRR800 until the March 19, 2009 PRS meeting. On March 19, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to table PRR800 and instruct ERCOT to provide a statement of the benefits associated with this PRR. On April 23, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to grant PRR800 Urgent status. PRS also voted to recommend approval of PRR800 as amended by CPS Energy comments. There was one (1) abstention from the Independent Power Marketer (IPM) Market Segment. On May 7, 2009, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of PRR800 as recommended by PRS. *Credit review is pending.*

The TAC Recommendation Reports and Impact Analyses for these PRRs are included in the ERCOT Board meeting materials. In addition, these PRRs and supporting materials are posted on the ERCOT website at the following link: <http://www.ercot.com/mktrules/protocols/prr.html>.

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

The PRS met, discussed the issues and submitted recommendation reports to TAC regarding PRR797 and PRR800. TAC considered the issues and voted to take action on PRR797 and PRR800 as described above.

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve the TAC recommendation on PRR797 and/or PRR800 as described above or as modified by the ERCOT Board;
2. Reject the TAC recommendation on PRR797 and/or PRR800;
3. Defer decision on the merits of the TAC recommendation on PRR797 and/or PRR800; or
4. Remand PRR797 and/or PRR800 to TAC with instructions.

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

As more specifically described above, TAC recommends that the ERCOT Board approve PRR797 and PRR800.



**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: PRR797 – Removal of Reference to ERCOT Business Processes; and, PRR800 – QSE Day Ahead Metric.

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves PRR797 and PRR800.

**CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Michael G. Grable, Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its May 20, 2009 meeting, the ERCOT Board of Directors passed a motion approving the above Resolution by \_\_\_\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Michael G. Grable  
Corporate Secretary