



OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF SPECIAL NODAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEETING OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC

7620 Metro Center Drive, Austin, Texas 78744, Room 206

April 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Bob Helton, Chair
Jean Ryall, Vice Chair
Mark Armentrout
Steve Bartley
Miguel Espinosa
A.D. Patton
Jean Ryall
Robert Thomas

Other Board Members

Don Ballard
Brad Cox
Michehl Gent
Jan Newton

ERCOT Staff

Bob Kahn
Steve Byone
Nancy Capezutti
Mike Cleary
Theresa Gage
Matthew Morais
Richard Morgan
Janet Ply
Nicole Rossero
Dave Seibert
William Wullenjohn

Others

Mark Bruce
Ryan Cojoe
Chris Cutrone
Mark Dreyfus
Eric Goff
Thomas Hall
Don Jefferies
Brad Jones
David Leudtke



Mark McMurray
Kevin Morelock
Shawn Nichols
Kenan Ogelman
Jim Reynolds
Naomi Richard
Bob Spangler
Dave Turner
Richard Wrede

Bob Helton convened the Open Session of the Meeting of the Special Nodal Program Committee (Committee) of the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) at 2:00 p.m.

Executive Session (Agenda Item No. 2)

Mr. Helton adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 2:05 p.m.
The Open Session reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Vote on Matters from Executive Session (Agenda Item No. 3)

The Committee unanimously recommended the proposed amendment to the ABB contract for Board approval; the motion was made by Robert Thomas and seconded by Mark Armentrout.

Approval of March 16, 2009 Minutes (Agenda Item No. 4)

Mr. Helton asked if there were any changes to the Committee minutes. Miguel Espinosa noted the minutes showed an error in his name. Subject to that correction, Mr. Thomas moved to approve the Open Session minutes for the March 16, 2009 Committee meeting, and Mr. Armentrout seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Utilicast Nodal Program Review Including Report #10 and Status Update on Utilicast Recommendations (Agenda Item Nos. 5 and 6)

David Leudtke, Kevin Morelock, and Dave Turner of Utilicast presented Nodal Program Oversight Report 10 – Infrastructure and Integration Readiness Assessment. Utilicast began with presenting their findings related to the infrastructure assessment, clarifying that their budget findings were limited to the infrastructure only. Mike Cleary, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, further clarified that they will continue to push the budgets. Utilicast then provided four recommendations related to their infrastructure assessment.

Finally, Utilicast made five recommendations related to end-to-end readiness, and specifically noted that two areas that seem to introduce risk are the credit management



area and the market system. Regarding end-to-end testing, Mr. Cleary emphasized the necessity of bringing together all of the pieces from the silos. In discussing Recommendation #7, which provides, “ERCOT should start organizing staff now for long-term operations and support”, Mr. Armentrout expressed interest in making recommendation #7 a specific project for the PMO.

Nodal PMO Update (Agenda Item No. 7)

Janet Ply, Nodal Program Director, presented the PMO update, noting the timeline and milestones of performance, specifically, that all fourteen March milestones were completed against the re-baselined schedule and that thirteen additional milestones were scheduled for April. Ms. Ply then identified the steps taken to mitigate risks to the critical path. Ms. Ply also presented the CMM issue, namely, turnover in ERCOT and vendor staff, and identified the affirmative steps taken to get CMM back on track. Ms. Ply noted the need to plan for resource conflict between advanced metering and the Nodal Program. Finally, Ms. Ply outlined a plan to manage the risk related to reconciling the Protocols, systems and market expectations.

The Open Session adjourned at approximately 4:04 p.m.

Matthew T. Morais
Committee Secretary