



**Date:** May 13, 2009  
**To:** ERCOT Board of Directors  
**From:** Mark Bruce, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair  
**Subject:** Parking Deck Concept for Nodal Protocol Revision Requests (NPRRs)

**Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors**

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

**Agenda Item No.:** 08d

**Issue:**

Consideration of a process to manage NPRRs that are not necessary for the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date (TNMID).

**Background/History:**

With the implementation of Protocol Revision Request (PRR) 799 – ERCOT Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Approval of NPRRs and SCRs Prior to Posting on MIS, the ERCOT CEO evaluates submitted NPRRs to determine if each NPRR is necessary prior to the TNMID. A process is needed to manage NPRRs that the ERCOT CEO determines are not necessary prior to the TNMID. On April 23, 2009, the Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS) unanimously recommended approval of a parking deck concept for NPRRs. Attachment A includes the concept discussed at PRS and the pros/cons for establishing the parking deck at the varying levels of the stakeholder process. On May 7, 2009, TAC recommended approval of the parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs with one (1) abstention from the Independent Power Marketer Market Segment. Attachment B includes the recommended parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs.

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

The PRS met, discussed the issues and submitted a recommendation to TAC regarding a process to manage NPRRs that are not necessary for the TNMID. TAC considered the issues and voted to recommend approval of the parking deck whitepaper as described above.

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve the TAC recommendation for managing NPRRs that are not necessary for the TNMID as described in Attachment B or as modified by the ERCOT Board;
2. Reject the TAC recommendation;
3. Defer decision on the TAC recommendation; or
4. Remand the issue to TAC with instructions.

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

As more specifically described above, TAC recommends that the ERCOT Board approve the parking deck concept for NPRRs as described in Attachment B.



**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 a process for managing Nodal Protocol Revision Requests that are deemed not necessary for the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the process for managing Nodal Protocol Revision Requests that are deemed not necessary for the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date as described in the whitepaper submitted by the Technical Advisory Committee.

**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