



Date: June 9, 2009
To: ERCOT Board of Directors
From: Mark Bruce, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair
Subject: ERCOT Planning Charter

Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors

ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date: June 16, 2009

Agenda Item No.: 12e

Issue:

TAC will provide an update to the ERCOT Board on draft revisions to the ERCOT Planning Charter.

Background/History:

In January 2009, the ERCOT Board approved a series of revisions to the ERCOT Planning Charter but declined to approve a recommendation that generation interconnection facilities be precluded from ERCOT and Regional Planning Group review. Rather, the Board remanded the issue of treatment of generation interconnection facilities to TAC for further review.

TAC, the Wholesale Market Subcommittee (WMS), and the Reliability and Operations Subcommittee (ROS) have reviewed the issue and developed a set of options for how to treat generation interconnection facilities. However, after a series of votes by TAC and its subcommittees, no clear recommendation has garnered majority support at this time.

A series of informational slides was included in the May 20 Board meeting materials to provide an overview of current practice, point to areas of consensus on this issue, and highlight stakeholder discussions on remaining issues. These slides will be included again in the June 16 Board meeting materials and presented during the TAC Report to apprise the Board of the status of this issue on remand.

Conclusion:

No action is required at this time. However, TAC invites the Board to discuss the issues related to treatment of generation interconnection facilities in the ERCOT Planning Charter and provide comment to TAC if desired.