



Attachment A:
Parking Deck Discussion

ERCOT Board of Directors

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Parking Deck Discussion - Overview

- **Key Discussion Points**

- Define the parking deck
- Determine committee of ownership (i.e. where does the parking deck reside?)
- Expected schedule

Parking Deck Discussion – Define the Parking Deck

- **An interim vehicle for housing items for Nodal post-Go-Live consideration**
 - Management of items deemed not needed for Nodal Go-Live
 - Bridge to a post-Go-Live PPL
- **Items in the parking deck**
 - Approved items
 - Only approved items can be placed in the parking deck
 - Provides certainty on language
 - Items are prioritized as they come through the process
- **Prioritization**
 - “Mini-PPL” (prioritized list of items without target releases)
 - Provides maximum flexibility
 - Highlights the market’s most important projects
 - Utilizes current processes
- **Location**
 - Tab on PPL

Parking Deck Discussion – Determine Committee of Ownership

Committee	Pros	Cons
PRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits current time spent by other committees on the topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn't produce Board-approved language • Requires adequate approval lead time to be included in an upcoming release. • Probably requires periodic updates at TAC and Board • Items that will ultimately be rejected by the process may linger in the parking deck
TAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides additional market input into parking deck decision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as PRS Cons list above
Board of Directors (suggested approach)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides maximum transparency • Results in approved language which allows for synchronization with subsequent language changes • Utilizes current processes • Items without market support are removed from process • Immediately actionable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision requests won't have an Impact Analysis (interim period only) • Results in second review when an item comes back for approval as part of a release

Parking Deck Discussion - Schedule

- **Tentatively schedule future releases**
 - Provides an indication of likely release timelines
 - Initially suggested by ERCOT project staff
 - Will be modified based on post-Go-Live factors and release contents
- **“Day of Reckoning”**
 - On a defined date, Impact Analysis of parking deck items will begin
 - To assist, a market working session will be scheduled to review the parking deck and make any prioritization adjustments
 - Perhaps sometime in Q4 2010 because 2011 will focus on Nodal stabilization
 - Funding could be allocated in 2010 to begin planning of the first release
- **Upon Nodal Go-Live, merge parking deck with PPL**
- **Leverage yearly project prioritization process**
 - Elements of a specific release should be finalized during the yearly prioritization process in the year prior to initiation of the release
 - ERCOT and market jointly plan elements of an upcoming release
 - This allows the proper amount of funding to be requested for the upcoming release