



Date: July 14, 2009
To: Board of Directors
From: Bob Helton, Special Nodal Program Committee (SNPC) Chair
Subject: Nodal Protocol Revision Requests (NPRRs) Parking Deck

Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors

ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date: July 21, 2009

Agenda Item No.: 10a

Issue:

Whether to authorize and approve 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 System Change Requests (SCRs) Prior to Posting on the Market Information System (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 Revisions Subcommittee (PRS) unanimously recommended approval of a parking deck concept for NPRRs. Attachment A includes the concept discussed at PRS and the pros and cons for establishing the parking deck at the varying levels of the stakeholder process. On May 7, 2009 the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval of the parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs with one (1) abstention from the Independent Power Marketer Market Segment. The parking deck concept was discussed at the ERCOT Board on May 20, 2009. At the June 16, 2009 ERCOT Board meeting SNPC reported that it had considered the parking deck concept on June 15, 2009 and that SNPC will continue to address the concept through July 2009. It is anticipated that the SNPC on July 20, 2009 will vote to recommend for approval the parking deck concept. Attachment B includes the parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs as modified by SNPC.

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 SNPC 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 SNPC recommendation;
3. Defer decision on the SNPC recommendation; or
4. Remand the issue to SNPC with instructions.



Conclusion/Recommendation:

SNPC is expected to recommend at its July 20, 2009 meeting that the ERCOT Board approve the parking deck concept for NPRRs as described more specifically in Attachment B.



ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Special Nodal Program Committee (SPNC) of the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) has recommended to the Board that the Board should to approve a process for managing Nodal Protocol Revision Requests (NPRRs) that are deemed not necessary for the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date as more specifically described in the parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it desirable and in ERCOT's best interest to accept the SPNC recommendation;

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 more specifically described in the parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs attached hereto as Exhibit A.

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Michael G. Grable, Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its July 21, 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.

Michael G. Grable
Corporate Secretary