



**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

June 15, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

**Committee Members Present**

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

**Other Board Members**

Don Ballard  
Brad Cox  
Andrew Dalton  
Jan Newton  
Barry Smitherman

**ERCOT Staff**

Steve Byone  
Mike Cleary  
Matthew Morais  
Richard Morgan  
Mike Petterson  
Janet Ply  
Tom Kleckner  
Dave Seibert  
Bill Wullenjohn

**Others**

Mark Dreyfus  
Don Jefferies

Bob Helton, Chairman, 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 2:30 p.m.

**Executive Session (Agenda Item No. 2)**

Mr. Helton adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 2:30 p.m. The Open Session reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

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

Miguel Espinosa moved to recommend for Board approval the contract recommendation presented to the Board as Item 22b. The motion was seconded by A. D. Patton. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.



**Approval of April 21, 2009 and May 19, 2009 Open Session Minutes (Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 5)**

Mark Armentrout moved to approve the April 21, 2009 and May 19, 2009 Open Session minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patton. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with one abstention (Mr. Espinosa).

**NPRR Parking Deck (Agenda Item No. 6)**

Mark Bruce, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, described the Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) “parking deck” as an interim vehicle for housing items for Nodal post go-live consideration. Mr. Bruce noted that one of the unresolved issues is where such NPRRs should reside; i.e. with the Board or TAC. The Committee acknowledged that unapproved Protocols may diminish the transparency of the rules. Mike Cleary, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, noted the difficulty of predicting where the market will be in three years and that it was not appropriate to get into the habit of building the Nodal Program piecemeal instead of an as overall project. The Committee confirmed that there are many open questions regarding the NPRR parking deck, and Mr. Helton noted that the issue should be discussed again at a future date.

**Nodal Implementation Team (Agenda Item No. 7)**

Mr. Helton discussed revisions to the proposed Nodal Implementation Team (NIT) charter, cautioning against recreating the Nodal Transition Plan Task Force (TPTF). Jan Newton noted that too much of the TPTF scope remained in the NIT charter. The Committee found the proposed NIT charter should be revised and then reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

**PMO Update (Agenda Item No. 9)**

Janet Ply, Nodal Program Director, provided the PMO Update. Ms. Ply discussed that six of the thirteen May performance milestones were met and that thirteen milestones were scheduled for June. Mr. Cleary clarified that while some of May’s milestones were missed, it is expected that each of the June milestones will be achieved. Ms. Ply presented a CMM mitigation plan that includes a statement of work amendment, revisions to the ERCOT and vender workload priorities, and a plan to bring the project to Taylor so ERCOT can oversee the completion of the project.

The Open Session adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.

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Matthew T. Morais  
Committee Secretary