



**Date:** August 11, 2009  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Mike Cleary, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer  
**Subject:** Single Entry Model (SEM) Go-Live

**Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors**

**ERCOT Board of Director Meeting Date:** August 18, 2009

**Agenda Item No.:** 12d

**Issue:**

ERCOT Board of Directors (Board) approval is sought to certify that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met for Single Entry Model Go-Live on August 31, 2009.

With this approval, Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) will switch over to submitting network model changes through the nodal Network Model Management System (NMMS) application.

**Background/History:**

Pursuant to Protocols Section 21.12.3, Notice to Market Participants of Effective Date for Nodal Protocol Provisions and Retirement of Zonal Protocol Provisions, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Board are directed to certify that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met prior to implementing any nodal market design activities.

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

As of August 11, 2009 ERCOT has engaged all twenty ERCOT TSPs responsible for network modeling changes for market readiness preparations.

Nineteen of the twenty TSPs have completed all required training and test submission activities. One small TSP has recently engaged and is in the process of “catching up” with regular attendance of market calls and verbal commitment to attend the make-up training class in September. There may be further progress made between August 11 and August 18, 2009 to report at the Board meeting.

Additionally TAC will consider this matter immediately prior to the Board meeting at 7:30 a.m. on August 18, 2009. TAC must approve and certify that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met prior to implementing any nodal market design activities.

**Alternatives:**

ERCOT staff believes that no alternatives are available at this time.

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

Assuming TAC certifies readiness, ERCOT staff respectfully requests that the Board certify that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met for Single Entry Model Go-Live on August 31, 2009.



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

WHEREAS, Protocols Section 21.12.3 (Notice to Market Participants of Effective Date for Nodal Protocol Provisions and Retirement of Zonal Protocol Provisions) requires that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) certify that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met prior to implementing any nodal market design activities; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2009, prior to the Board's regularly-scheduled meeting of the same date, TAC approved certification that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met for Single Entry Model Go-Live on August 31, 2009;

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the alternatives, the Board deems it desirable and in the best interest of ERCOT to approve and certify that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met for Single Entry Model Go-Live on August 31, 2009;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and approves certification that all Market Readiness Criteria have been met for Single Entry Model Go-Live on August 31, 2009.

**CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Michael G. Grable, Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its August 18, 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