



Date: December 8, 2009
To: ERCOT Board of Directors
From: Mark Bruce, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair
Subject: Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR)

Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors

ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date: December 15, 2009

Agenda Item No.: 16b

Issue:

Consideration of NPRR196, Synchronization of Nodal Protocols with Protocol Revision Request (PRR) 827, Find Transaction and Find Electric Service Identifier (ESI) ID Functions on the Market Information System (MIS).

Background/History:

Unless otherwise noted: (i) all Market Segments were present for each vote and (ii) ERCOT Credit Staff and the Credit Work Group (CWG) have reviewed the revision request and do not believe it requires changes to credit monitoring activity or the calculation of liability.

- **NPRR196 – Synchronization of Nodal Protocols with PRR827, Find Transaction and Find ESI ID Functions on the MIS [ERCOT].**

Proposed Effective Date: Upon Texas Nodal Market Implementation.

CEO Determination: Necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

ERCOT Impact Analysis: No budgetary impact; no ERCOT staffing impacts; no impacts to ERCOT computer systems; no impacts to ERCOT business functions; no impacts to ERCOT grid operations and practices.

Revision Description: This NPRR synchronizes the Nodal Protocols with PRR827, Find Transaction and Find ESI ID functions on the MIS.

Procedural History: NPRR196 was posted on August 20, 2009. On September 17, 2009, the Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS) unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR196 as amended by the September 2, 2009 Texas Standard Electronic Transaction (SET) Working Group comments. On October 22, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to endorse and forward the September 17, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report and Impact Analysis to TAC. On November 5, 2009, TAC unanimously voted to table NPRR196 for one (1) month. On December 3, 2009, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR196 as recommended by PRS in the October 22, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report.

The TAC Recommendation Report, Impact Analysis, and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Revision Request Review for NPRR196 are included in the ERCOT Board meeting materials. In addition, NPRR196 and supporting materials are posted on the ERCOT website at the following link: <http://nodal.ercot.com/protocols/npr/176-200/196/index.html>.

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

PRS met, discussed the issues, and submitted a recommendation report to TAC regarding NPRR196. TAC considered the issues and voted to take action on NPRR196 as described above.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the TAC recommendation on NPRR196 as described above or as modified by the ERCOT Board;
2. Reject the TAC recommendation on NPRR196;
3. Defer decision on the TAC recommendation on NPRR196; or
4. Remand NPRR196 to TAC with instructions.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

As more specifically described above, TAC recommends that the ERCOT Board approve NPRR196 as described herein.



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

WHEREAS, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) Board of Directors (Board) deems it desirable and in ERCOT's best interest to approve Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 196 – Synchronization of Nodal Protocols with Protocol Revision Request (PRR) 827, Find Electric Service Identifier (ESI) ID Functions on the Market Information System (MIS).

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the ERCOT Board hereby approves NPRR196.

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Michael G. Grable, Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its December 15, 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 December, 2009.

Michael G. Grable
Corporate Secretary