



**OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL NODAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.**

7620 Metro Center Drive, Austin, Texas 78744, Room 206

December 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to notice duly given, the meeting of the Special Nodal Program Committee (the Committee) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc. (ERCOT) convened on the above-referenced date.

Meeting Attendance:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Director	Affiliation	Segment
Armentrout, Mark	Unaffiliated	
Espinosa, Miguel	Unaffiliated	
Fehrenbach, Nick	City of Dallas	Commercial Consumers
Helton, Bob	International Power America Services	Independent Generators
Patton, A.D.	Unaffiliated	
Ryall, Jean	Constellation Energy	Independent Power Marketers
Thomas, Robert	Green Mountain Energy Company	Independent Retail Electric Providers

Other Board Members in Attendance:

Director	Affiliation	Segment
Torrent, Gary	Office of Public Utility Counsel	Residential Consumers
Gent, Michehl	Unaffiliated	
Newton, Jan	Unaffiliated	
Smitherman, Barry T.	Public Utility Commission of Texas	Commission Chairman

Staff and Guests:

Bohart, James	ERCOT
Bowman, Roy	ERCOT
Capezzuti, Nancy	ERCOT
Cleary, Mike	ERCOT
Day, Betty	ERCOT
Gates, Vikki	ERCOT
Fox, Kip	AEP
Goodman, Dale	ERCOT
Headrick, Bridget	PUCT
Iacobucci, Jason	ERCOT



Jefferis, Don	ERCOT
Morgan, Richard	ERCOT
Oehler, Melissa	PUC
Petterson, Mike	ERCOT
Rossero, Nicole	ERCOT
Seibert, Dave	ERCOT
Wullenjohn, Bill	ERCOT

**Call Open Session to Order and Announce Proxies (Agenda Item 1)**

Bob Helton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. and immediately adjourned into Executive Session.

The Open Session was reconvened at approximately 9:26 a.m.

**Vote on Matters from Executive Sessions (Agenda Item 8)**

**Robert Thomas moved to recommend approval of the Executive Session Contract Matter Resolution in the Board materials noted as Agenda Item 26b. Miguel Espinosa seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with one abstention (Nick Fehrenbach).**

**Approval of November 16, 2009 Minutes (Agenda Item 9)**

**Jean Ryall moved to approve the November 16, 2009 Open Session minutes. Mr. Fehrenbach seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

**Nodal Program Update (Agenda Item 10)**

Jason Iacobucci, Nodal Program Manager, provided the Committee with the Nodal Program Update, providing the Committee with an integrated Nodal timeline. Mr. Iacobucci clarified that the slip in Phase 4 and 5 were due to a late delivery moving out of integration and into the market trials environment. The slip would not however have an impact on meeting the Nodal go-live date. Mr. Iacobucci additionally provided the Committee with a mitigation plan including scheduling additional hours over the holiday period and prioritizing more comprehensive end-to-end scenarios. Mr. Iacobucci also presented a summary of the high priority nodal defects and the progress the program has made in both working through and closing the defects.

Betty Day, Director of Markets, provided the Protocol Traceability Update. Ms. Day clarified that in Utilicast Report #10 protocol traceability had a December, 31 2009 delivery date and that the Program Management Office moved this delivery date to February 2010. Additionally, Ms. Day commented on the traceability discussions with the Nodal Advisory Task Force (NATF) stating that while items still remain open, there have not been any major concerns from the



market participants. Mike Cleary, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, advised that there will be ongoing protocol traceability efforts resulting from market trials once the market participants actually see the market and protocols in operation.

Vikki Gates, ERCOT and Market Participant Readiness Project Manager, provided the Market Readiness Update. Ms. Gates specifically discussed Market Participant site visits and training sessions. Additionally, Ms. Gates discussed visits to other ISOs to gain an understanding of the lessons learned from market implementations at various stages of market maturity.

Don Jefferis, Interim Director Nodal Financial Management Office, provided the Nodal Program Financial Review. Mr. Jefferis discussed the increase to the contingency fund based upon the Program's on-schedule and under-budget progress, noting specifically that the Nodal Program was approximately \$800,000 under-spent in the month of November. Mr. Jefferis indicated that nearly half of that variance was due to the delay in the Independent Market Monitor Project, which was being reworked by Mr. Cleary and Mr. Iacobucci, an update of which will be made in the January 2010 Committee meeting. Additionally, the project reported a positive variance in the amount spent on hardware due to an IBM rebate and an under-spend on the IBM X Series application servers.

#### **Other Business (Agenda Item 11)**

No other business was discussed.

#### **Adjournment (Agenda Item 12)**

Chairman Helton adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Materials and presentations from the meeting are available on ERCOT's website at <http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/snpc/>.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Morais", written over a horizontal line.

Matt Morais  
Committee Secretary