



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.**

Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.  
7620 Metro Center Drive, Room 206  
Austin, Texas 78744  
January 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Meeting Attendance:**

**Board Members:**

Director	Affiliation	Segment
Crowder, Calvin	American Electric Service Corporation	Power Investor Owned Utility
Dalton, Andrew	Valero Services, Inc.	Industrial Consumer
Doggett, Trip	ERCOT	Interim President and Chief Executive Officer
Dreyfus, Mark	Austin Energy	Municipal
Espinosa, Miguel		Unaffiliated
Fehrenbach, Nick	City of Dallas	Commercial Consumer
Gent, Michehl		Unaffiliated, Board Vice Chairman
Givens, Sheri	Office of Public Counsel	Utility Residential Consumer
Helton, Bob	International America Services	Power Independent Generator
Karnei, Clifton	Brazos Electric Cooperative Inc.	Power Cooperative
Newton, Jan		Unaffiliated, Board Chairman
Patton, A.D.		Unaffiliated
Ryall, Jean	Constellation Commodities Group	Energy Independent Power Marketer
Smitherman, Barry T.	Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT)	Commission Chairman
Zlotnik, Marcie	StarTex Power	Independent Retail Electric Provider

**Staff and Guests:**

Bell, Wendell	TPPA
Bivens, Danny	Office of Public Utility Commission
Bowman, Roy	ERCOT
Brandt, Adrienne	Austin Energy
Bruce, Mark	MJB Consulting



Burkhalter, Bob	ABB
Capezzuti, Nancy	ERCOT
Cleary, Mike	ERCOT
Cochran, Seth	Sempra
Crozier, Richard	City of Brownsville
Day, Betty	ERCOT
Doolin, Estrellita	ERCOT
Drost, Wendell	Areva
Goff, Eric	Reliant
Grable, Mike	ERCOT
Grendel, Steve	ERCOT
Grimes, Mike	Horizon Wind Energy
Hobbs, Kristi	ERCOT
Iacobucci, Jason	ERCOT
Jones, Brad	Luminant
King, Kelso	King Energy Consulting
Kolodziej, Eddie	Customized Energy Solutions
Lane, Terry	LS Power
Leady, Vickie	ERCOT
Manning, Charles	ERCOT
McPhee, Eileen	Lloyd Gosselink, Attorneys at Law
Morehead, Julianna	ERCOT
Morgan, Richard	ERCOT
Morris, Sandy	LCRA
Nelson, Donna	PUCT – Commissioner
Oehler, Melissa	Public Utility Commission of Texas
Petterson, Mike	ERCOT
Pieniasek, Adrian	NRG Texas
Prochazka, Scott	CenterPoint Houston Electric
Roark, Dottie	ERCOT
Saathoff, Kent	ERCOT
Sandidge, Clint	Sempra Energy Solutions
Schwertner, Ray	Garland Power & Light
Stephenson, Randa	Luminant
Troutman, Jennifer	AEP Energy Partners
Walker, DeAnn	CenterPoint Energy
Walker, Mark	NRG Texas
Whittle, Brandon	DB Energy Trading
Wullenjohn, Bill	ERCOT

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

Jan Newton, ERCOT Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:06 a.m., pointed out the Antitrust Admonition and determined a quorum was present. Trip Doggett, ERCOT Interim President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), expressed his appreciation to



ERCOT staff for their planning and operational efforts during the severe cold weather event which occurred about ten days prior to the meeting. He also recognized the efforts of the Market Participants during this time. Barry T. Smitherman, Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Chairman, and Chairman Newton commended Mr. Doggett for his leadership and communications during this extraordinary weather event.

### **Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 2)**

Bob Helton requested the removal of Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 202 from the Consent Agenda. Nick Fehrenbach requested the removal of NPRRs 169 and 181 from the Consent Agenda.

The following items were handled in the Consent Agenda:

- Agenda Item 3b – Approval of December 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes;
- Agenda Item 13a – Protocol Revision Requests (PRRs) 811 and 842; and
- Agenda Item 13b – NPRRs 153, 164, 194 and 197.

**Mr. Helton moved to approve the above-noted items on the Consent Agenda. Calvin Crowder seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

Chairman Smitherman called an open meeting of the Commission to order to consider matters which have been duly posted with the Texas Secretary of State for January 19, 2010.

The following additional item was handled as part of the Consent Agenda:

- Agenda Item 3a – Approval of the December 14, 2009 Joint Nominating Committee and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

**Andrew Dalton moved to approve the above-noted additional item as part of the Consent Agenda. Michehl Gent seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

### **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of December 14, 2009 Joint Nominating Committee and Board Meeting and Minutes of December 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting (Agenda Item 3, 3a and 3b)**

The minutes of the December 14, 2009 Joint Nominating Committee and Board Meeting and the December 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were both approved as part of the Consent Agenda under Agenda Item 2.



#### **Election of CEO and Ratification of Officers (Agenda Item 4)**

Chairman Newton invited a motion for approval of the election of ERCOT's CEO and ratification of ERCOT's officers.

**Mr. Dalton moved to approve the election of ERCOT's CEO and ratification of ERCOT's officers as presented. A.D. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

#### **Confirmation of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair and Vice Chair (Agenda Item 5)**

Chairman Newton invited a motion to confirm the TAC Chair and Vice Chair.

**Dr. Patton moved to confirm Brad Jones as TAC Chair and Kenan Ogelman as TAC Vice Chair for the Year 2010 as presented. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

#### **CEO Update (Agenda Item 6)**

Trip Doggett, ERCOT Interim President and CEO, reviewed the CEO Update presentation with the Board. Mr. Doggett and Kent Saathoff, ERCOT Vice President of System Planning and Operations, responded to the Board members' questions regarding the CEO Update. Mr. Karnei requested ERCOT staff to prepare a sensitivity study for gas curtailment. Mr. Doggett thanked Mr. Karnei for his comments and agreed to provide such a study to the Board. In response to Chairman Smitherman's questions regarding advanced metering, Mr. Doggett advised that ERCOT staff would be providing an update to the Board in about a month on the results of the study of advanced meter energy consumption as compared to profiles.

#### **Financial Summary Report (Agenda Item 7)**

Chairman Newton thanked ERCOT staff for their efforts to mitigate the revenue shortfall with cost curtailment and to meet the 2009 budget. She invited comments or questions regarding the Financial Summary Report, but there were none.

#### **Market Operations Report (Agenda Item 8)**

Chairman Newton invited comments or questions regarding the Market Operations Report. Chairman Smitherman requested that ERCOT staff determine what obstacles there may be to energy storage facilities participating in the ERCOT market and to report to the Board in the next month or two on the findings. Mr. Gent recognized the extraordinary efforts required to provide updated information for the Market Operations Report, but requested that any updates to the Market Operations Report be provided as soon as possible in advance of the Board meeting, even if the updates were provided the morning of the Board meeting. Betty Day, ERCOT Director of Markets, agreed to try to satisfy this request. Bob Helton requested that out-of-merit capacity



(OOMC) graph be included in the Market Operations Report, which Ms. Day agreed to do. Ms. Day responded to Board members' various questions regarding the Market Operations Report.

### **Information Technology (IT) Service Availability Metrics Report (Agenda Item 9)**

Chairman Newton invited comments or questions regarding the IT Service Availability Metrics Report. Richard Morgan, ERCOT Vice President and Chief Information Officer, and Mike Cleary, ERCOT Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, responded to Board members' various questions regarding the IT Service Availability Metrics Report.

### **Grid Operations and Planning Report (Agenda Item 10)**

Chairman Newton invited comments or questions regarding the Grid Operations and Planning Report. Mr. Saathoff and Dan Woodfin, ERCOT Director of System Planning, responded to Board members' various questions regarding the Grid Operations and Planning Report.

Mr. Saathoff notified the Board members that ERCOT had extended the need for Permian Basin Units 5 and 6 as Reliability Must Run (RMR) units by executing new RMR Agreements for 2010. The RMR Agreements expire on December 1, 2010. He responded to the Board members' questions regarding the Agreements and the overall exit strategy for the RMR Units, which had been previously reported to the Board.

Mr. Helton requested that the Risk Management Event Profile Matrix (commonly known as the "stoplight report" which is prepared for the Finance and Audit (F&A) Committee) be included in the materials for the entire Board of Directors.

### **Special Nodal Program (SNP) Committee Report (Agenda Items 11 and 11a)**

Mr. Helton, SNP Committee Chairman, reported that the SNP Committee met on January 18, 2010, and voted to recommend that the Board approve the SNP Committee Charter as presented. **Mr. Helton moved to accept the SNP Committee's recommendation to approve the SNP Committee Charter as presented. Mr. Espinosa seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

Mr. Helton further reported that the SNP Committee considered in part the following matters:

- Nodal Program status;
- Protocol traceability update;
- Market readiness update; and
- Financial review.

### **Nodal Update, including Nodal Program Quarterly Budget Assessment (Agenda Item 12)**

Mr. Cleary briefed the Board on the progress of the Nodal Program. Mr. Cleary responded to the Board members' various questions regarding the Nodal Update. Chairman Newton requested that



Mr. Cleary and Mr. Helton keep the Board informed if participation in the market trials by Market Participants becomes an area of concern.

Don Jefferis, ERCOT Interim Director of the Nodal Financial Management Office, and Mr. Cleary provided a financial review of the Nodal Program. Mr. Jefferis and Mr. Cleary responded to the Board members' various questions regarding the Nodal Program financials. Chairman Smitherman requested that the Board discretionary fund and finance charges be accounted for separately. Mr. Cleary agreed to do so.

For scheduling convenience, Chairman Newton took up Agenda Items in the order below.

### **Human Resources & Governance (HR&G) Committee (Agenda Item 16)**

Mr. Dalton, HR&G Committee Chairman, reported that the HR&G Committee met earlier in the morning and considered in part the following matters:

- Election of Mr. Dalton and Dr. Patton as HR&G Committee Chair and Vice Chair, respectively;
- Personnel, including Key Performance Indicators and staffing;
- Review of HR&G Committee Charter;
- Discussion of NERC Trustee Succession Planning;
- External Relations Update, including a legislative update;
- Committee Self-Evaluation Survey;
- National Association of Corporate Directors Resources; and
- Board Strategic Planning Meeting.

He noted that the HR&G Committee had no voting items for the Board to consider at this time.

### **Lunch (Agenda Item 14)**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at approximately 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 12:45 p.m.

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report (Agenda Items 13, 13a and 13b)**

Chairman Newton invited Brad Jones, TAC Chair, to provide a report on recent TAC activities. Mr. Jones thanked the Board for his confirmation as TAC Chair and for Mr. Ogelman's confirmation as TAC Vice Chair.

### **PRRs (Agenda Item 13a)**

#### **PRR832**

**PRR832 – Deletion of SCE Posting Requirement [ERCOT].  
Proposed Effective Date:** February 1, 2010.



**CEO Determination:** No opinion on whether or not PRR832 is necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

**ERCOT Impact Analysis:** No budgetary impact; no additional full-time equivalents needed; no system changes required; no impacts to business functions; no impact to grid operations or practices.

**Revision Description:** This PRR removes the language that requires ERCOT to post the SCE report seven (7) days after the Operating Day to the Market Information System (MIS).

**Procedural History:** PRR832 was posted on September 15, 2009. On October 22, 2009, PRS voted to recommend approval of PRR832 as submitted. There was one (1) abstention from the Independent Generator Market Segment. On November 19, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to endorse and forward the October 22, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report and Impact Analysis to TAC. On December 3, 2009, TAC voted to endorse and forward the November 19, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report and Impact Analysis for PRR832 to the ERCOT Board. There was one (1) abstention from the Independent Power Marketer (IPM) Market Segment.

**Mr. Helton moved to approve PRR832. Dr. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

PRRs 811 and 842 were approved as part of the Consent Agenda under Agenda Item 2.

### **NPRRs (Agenda Item 13b)**

#### **NPRR 131**

**NPRR131 – Ancillary Service Trades with ERCOT [NRG Texas].**

**Proposed Effective Date:** Post Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

**CEO Determination:** Not necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

**ERCOT Impact Analysis:** To be determined – Due to “Not Needed for Go-Live” designation by the ERCOT CEO, the Impact Analysis for this item will be conducted at a future date.

**Revision Description:** In today’s zonal market, Resource Entities can, if they choose, procure Ancillary Services from ERCOT. This functionality was omitted in the Nodal Market design. Currently, the Nodal Market design only allows Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs) with Ancillary Service Obligations the option in the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) of either: 1) self-providing, or 2) procuring all or a portion of their obligation from ERCOT. This NPRR would allow QSEs with Ancillary Services responsibilities, i.e., Resource Entities, the same functionality.

**Procedural History:** NPRR131 was posted on May 15, 2008. On May 22, 2008, the Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS) unanimously voted to refer NPRR131 to the Transition Plan Task Force (TPTF). On June 19, 2008, PRS voted to recommend approval of NPRR131 as amended by TPTF comments. The motion passed with two (2) abstentions from the Consumer and Independent Retail Electric Provider (IREP) Market Segments. On July 17, 2008, PRS unanimously voted to table consideration of NPRR131, pending the development of the Impact Analysis. On September 24, 2008, PRS unanimously voted to table consideration of NPRR131, pending the development of the Impact Analysis. On



November 19, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to table NPRR131. On December 17, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to endorse and forward to TAC the June 19, 2008 PRS Recommendation Report for NPRR131 as amended by the December 8, 2009 ERCOT comments and as revised by PRS. PRS also unanimously voted to recommend a priority of High for NPRR131. On January 6, 2010, TAC voted to recommend approval of NPRR131 as recommended by PRS in the December 17, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report with one (1) abstention from the Independent Power Marketer (IPM) Market Segment.

**Mr. Helton moved to approve NPRR131. Mr. Espinosa seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

#### NPRR 169

**NPRR169 – Clarify the Calculation and Posting of LMPs for the Load Zone and LMPs for each Hub [TPTF].**

**Proposed Effective Date:** Post Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

**CEO Determination:** Not necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

**ERCOT Impact Analysis:** To be determined – Due to “Not Needed for Go-Live” designation by the ERCOT CEO, the Impact Analysis for this item will be conducted at a future date.

**Revision Description:** This NPRR Clarifies language that specifies the calculation and posting of LMPs for the Load Zone and “LMPs for each Hub.”

**Procedural History:** NPRR169 was posted on December 16, 2008. On December 18, 2008, PRS unanimously voted to waive notice to consider NPRR169. Then, PRS unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR169 as amended by the December 16, 2008 CPS Energy comments and as revised by PRS. The Independent Generator Market Segment was not present for the vote. On January 22, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to table NPRR169. On November 19, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to endorse and forward the December 18, 2008 PRS Recommendation Report for NPRR169 to TAC with a priority of High/Medium and rank of 1. On December 3, 2009, TAC unanimously voted to change the priority for NPRR169 to High and to table NPRR169 for one (1) month. On January 6, 2010, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR169 as recommended by PRS in the November 19, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report and with a priority of High.

Mr. Fehrenbach noted his belief that NPRR 169 was not ripe for discussion. Ms. Day noted that ERCOT staff would like another month or so to perform some analysis to determine if NPRR 169 can be implemented. **Mr. Fehrenbach moved to defer consideration of NPRR 169 at the Board level for one month until the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Doggett seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

#### NPRR 181

**NPRR181 – FIP Definition Revision [Luminant].**

**Proposed Effective Date:** Post Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

**CEO Determination:** Not necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.





**ERCOT Impact Analysis:** To be determined – Due to “Not Needed for Go-Live” designation by the ERCOT CEO, the Impact Analysis for this item will be conducted at a future date.

**Revision Description:** This NPRR revises the definition of FIP to correctly account for the timing difference between ERCOT’s application of the FIP in its systems (midnight to midnight) and the timing of natural gas prices reflected by the index (i.e., hour ending 1000 to 0900). The fuel price index published in Gas Daily, in the Daily Price Survey, under the heading “East-Houston-Katy, Houston Ship Channel” for any particular day reflects natural gas prices available to users from hour ending 1000 of the particular day to hour ending 0900 of the next day (i.e., the normal “gas day”). This NPRR also adds a new definition for the term “Gas Day.”

**Procedural History:** NPRR181 was posted on June 10, 2009. On June 18, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to table NPRR181 until the “parking deck” issue for NPRRs determined not to be necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date is resolved. On November 19, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to table NPRR181 for one (1) month. On December 17, 2009, PRS unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR181 as submitted. PRS also unanimously voted to recommend a priority of High and to forward NPRR181 to TAC. On January 6, 2010, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR181 as recommended by PRS in the December 17, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report.

Mr. Fehrenbach noted the tremendous cost of implementation of NPRR 181, even post-Nodal go-live, and the corresponding marginal benefit. **Mr. Fehrenbach moved to reject NPRR 181.** He noted that this NPRR could be brought before the Board after Nodal go-live. The Board members and ERCOT staff discussed the parking deck process and ERCOT’s position on NPRR 181. **Dr. Patton seconded the motion.** The Board continued their discussions of the Nodal parking deck and NPRR 181. **Chairman Newton called for a vote on the motion. Dr. Patton stated that he misunderstood the question during the vote and requested a recall for the vote. Chairman Newton again called for a vote on the motion. The motion failed by voice vote with four in favor (Messrs. Fehrenbach, Dalton and Gent, and Dr. Patton) and eight opposed (Mark Dreyfus, Mr. Espinosa, Sheri Givens, Mr. Helton, Mr. Karnei, Chairman Newton, Jean Ryall and Marcie Zlotnik) with two abstentions (Mr. Crowder and Mr. Doggett).**

**Mr. Helton moved to approve NPRR 181 for placement in the parking deck process. Mr. Karnei seconded the motion. Chairman Newton called for a vote on this motion. A decision on the vote was deferred until later in the meeting.**

#### NPRR 202

- **NPRR202 – Clarification of Network Operations Model and State Estimator Postings [NATF].**  
**Proposed Effective Date:** Upon Texas Nodal Market Implementation.  
**CEO Determination:** The ERCOT CEO has determined that the NPRR202 should proceed through the stakeholder review process.



**ERCOT Impact Analysis:** Budgetary impact of \$100 to \$250k; estimated three to six months to implement; no ERCOT staffing impacts; impacts to the following ERCOT computer systems: the Network Model Management System, Current-Day Reports, Enterprise Integration System, Market Information Distribution, Market Information Repository, Enterprise Data Warehouse, and Market Information System; current ERCOT business processes will be modified to accommodate the NPRR; no impact to ERCOT grid operations and practices.

**Revision Description:** This NPRR addresses the confidentiality of data in the Network Operations Model and Hourly State Estimator report. The language introduces a newly defined term for redacted-version of the Network Operations Model for non-Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) and also removes Private Use Network data from the Hourly State Estimator report.

**Procedural History:** NPRR202 was posted on December 10, 2009. On December 17, 2009, PRS voted via roll call vote to recommend approval of NPRR202 as revised by PRS and to forward to TAC. On January 6, 2010, TAC voted via roll call vote to recommend approval of NPRR202 as recommended by PRS in the December 17, 2009 PRS Recommendation Report and as revised by TAC.

**Mr. Helton moved to approve NPRR 202. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion. Mr. Fehrenbach inquired about ERCOT staff's clarifications to NPRR 202 and asked Mr. Helton if he would consider a friendly amendment to move to accept ERCOT's clarifications. Mr. Helton clarified that he was moving to approve NPRR 202 with ERCOT's clarifications and accepted the friendly amendment. Mr. Dalton also accepted this friendly amendment. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

Mr. Jones concluded his presentation of the TAC Report, but for the determination of the vote on NPRR 181.

NPRRs 153, 164, 194 and 197 were approved as part of the Consent Agenda under Agenda Item 2.

### **Finance & Audit (F&A) Committee Report (Agenda Item 15)**

Mr. Karnei, F&A Committee Chairman, reported that the F&A Committee met earlier in the morning and considered in part the following matters:

- Election of Mr. Karnei as F&A Committee Chairman and Mr. Espinosa as F&A Committee Vice Chairman;
- Confirmation of financial qualifications and Committee membership;
- Review of Internal Audit status report;
- Review of EthicsPoint update;
- Quarterly private discussion with Chief Audit Executive;
- Review of quarterly investment update; and
- Discussion of Committee briefs.



## NPRR 181—Continued

After discussion by the Board members and further review by Mr. Grable, it was determined that motion passed by voice vote with eight in favor (Mr. Dreyfus, Mr. Espinosa, Ms. Givens, Mr. Helton, Mr. Karnei, Chairman Newton, Ms. Ryall and Ms. Zlotnik) and three opposed (Messrs. Fehrenbach and Gent, and Dr. Patton) with three abstentions (Messrs. Crowder, Dalton and Doggett).

### Potential Future Exposure (PFE) Q3 2009 Presentation

Randy Baker, ERCOT Director of Credit Risk Management, delivered the Potential Future Exposure (PFE) Q3 2009 Presentation to the Board members. Mr. Baker responded to the Board members' various questions on the PFE presentation. Chairman Newton requested that, if the F&A Committee is going to receive these PFE presentations on a quarterly basis, then she would request that an annual presentation be made to the entire Board.

### PR90006\_01 Information Lifecycle Management Project (Agenda Item 17)

Mr. Doggett provided an overview to the Board of PR90006\_01, the Information Lifecycle Management Project. He requested approval to move this project to execution and for additional project funding as presented in the Board materials.

**Chairman Newton moved to approve the request for additional project funding for PR90006\_01 Information Lifecycle Management Project as presented. Dr. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.**

### Other Business (Agenda Item 18)

Chairman Newton invited comments on other business for the Board's consideration. Mr. Dreyfus requested that the Board consider moving the March Board meeting from March 16, 2010, to March 23, 2010, to avoid conflicts with spring break schedules. The Board discussed this matter. **Chairman Newton moved to modify the Board's meeting schedule for March 2010, specifically to move the Board meeting currently scheduled for March 16, 2010, to March 23, 2010. Mr. Karnei seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

Mr. Grable noted that a list of draft topics for the Board strategic planning event in February 2010 was circulated to the Board earlier in the day. Chairman Newton emphasized the value of Board interaction in the strategic planning event and solicited suggestions for the event. Mr. Grable inquired as to whether the Board wanted to hold the strategic planning event at ERCOT or off site. The Board members discussed the options. Chairman Newton noted the Board's agreement for an off-site meeting and asked ERCOT staff to make arrangements for a location that has suitable webcasting capabilities.



### **Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 19)**

Chairman Newton invited discussion on future agenda items. The following items were discussed:

- A request for more detail for 2011 budget cycle, including fee-filing plans (requested by Chairman Newton).

### **Executive Session (Agenda Items 20 to 25)**

Chairman Newton adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at approximately 2:16 p.m. Chairman Newton reconvened the meeting to General Session at approximately 4:07 p.m.

### **Vote on Matters from Executive Session (Agenda Item 26)**

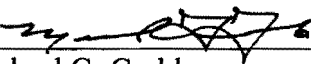
Chairman Newton called for a vote on matters from Executive Session.

**Mr. Helton moved to approve the Executive Session Contract Matter resolution in the Board materials noted as Agenda Item 23a as presented. Mr. Doggett seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.**

### **Adjournment (Agenda Item 27)**

Chairman Newton adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:08 p.m.

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

  
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Michael G. Grable  
Corporate Secretary