



**DRAFT 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

January 18, 2010 at 1:00 p.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
Espinosa, Miguel	Unaffiliated	
Fehrenbach, Nick	City of Dallas	Commercial Consumers
Givens, Sheri	Office of Public Utility Counsel	Residential Consumers
Helton, Bob	International Power America Services	Independent Generators
Patton, A.D.	Unaffiliated	
Ryall, Jean	Constellation Energy	Independent Power Marketers

Other Board Members in Attendance:

Director	Affiliation	Segment
Dreyfus, Mark	Austin Energy	Municipally Owned Utilities
Gent, Michehl	Unaffiliated	
Newton, Jan	Unaffiliated	
Smitherman, Barry T.	Public Utility Commission of Texas	Commission Chairman

Staff and Guests:

Bell, Wendy	TPPA
Bohart, James	ERCOT
Capezzuti, Nancy	ERCOT
Cleary, Mike	ERCOT
Day, Betty	ERCOT
Gates, Vikki	ERCOT
Goodman, Dale	ERCOT
Iacobucci, Jason	ERCOT
Jefferis, Don	ERCOT
Jones, Brad	Luminant
Manning, Chuck	ERCOT
Morgan, Richard	ERCOT



Ogelman, Kenan	CPS Energy
Rossero, Nicole	ERCOT
Seibert, Dave	ERCOT
Whittle, Brandon	DB Energy Trading
Wullenjohn, Bill	ERCOT

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

Bob Helton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair (Agenda Item 2)

Mr. Helton moved to elect Jean Ryall as the Vice Chair of the Committee. A.D. Patton seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote with no abstentions, the Committee selected Ms. Ryall as the Vice Chair of the Committee.

Dr. Patton moved to elect Mr. Helton as the Chair of the Committee. Miguel Espinosa seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote with no abstentions, the Committee selected Mr. Helton as the Chair of the Committee.

Vote on Matters from Executive Session (Agenda Items 4 through 9)

The Committee did not convene to an Executive Session.

Approval of December 14, 2009 Minutes (Agenda Item 10)

Mr. Espinosa moved to approve the December 14, 2009 Open Session minutes. Nick Fehrenbach seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Annual Evaluation of Charter (Agenda Item 3)

Mr. Fehrenbach moved to approve the Committee Charter, as presented to the Committee. Ms. Ryall seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Nodal Program Update (Agenda Item 11)

Mike Cleary, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, provided the Committee with the Nodal Program Update, providing the Committee with an integrated Nodal timeline stating that we were 317 days from go-live. Mr. Cleary noted that there were currently no significant issues stopping the Program from going into Market Trials 3, nor any significant issues affecting the critical path. Mr. Cleary did present to the Committee the status of Market Participants getting prepared to come into the market trials, stating that the efforts have been too slow for his



liking at this point of time. Jason Iacobucci, Nodal Program Manager, provided the integrated Nodal timeline to the Committee.

Vikki Gates, ERCOT and Market Participant Readiness Project Manager, provided the Market Readiness Update. Ms. Gates specifically provided a four-month look-ahead of market activities. Ms. Gates informed the Committee of the status of Market Participant site visits, noting that 21 of the visits have been completed. Ms. Gates also commented that the Nodal readiness score card can be found at <http://scorecard.ercot.com>.

Betty Day, Director of Markets, provided the Protocol Traceability Update. Ms. Day commented on the traceability discussions with the Nodal Advisory Task Force (NATF). Ms. Day also stated that while alignment items have been discovered there have been no indications that any of the items cause significant concerns.

Don Jefferis, Interim Director Nodal Financial Management Office, provided the Nodal Program Financial Review. Mr. Jefferis discussed that direct Program costs of the month of December, 2009 were \$500,000 over budget, although for the quarter the budget was under budget approximately \$2 million. Mr. Jefferis commented that this was the first over-budget month in many, many months. Mr. Helton commented that in a Program of this size, there will be monthly estimates that are a little below the actual spend amounts and having an over spend for the month isn't necessarily a bad thing, while the Program is under budget for the quarter.

Other Business (Agenda Item 12)

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 13)

Chairman Helton adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:51 p.m.

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

Matt Morais
Committee Secretary