

**Date:** June 8, 2009  
**To:** Special Nodal Program Committee  
**From:** Mark Bruce, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair  
**Subject:** Parking Deck Concept for NPRRs

**Issue for the ERCOT Special Nodal Program Committee**

**ERCOT Special Nodal Program Committee (Committee) Meeting Date:** June 15, 2009

**Agenda Item No.:** 06

**Issue:**

Consideration of a process to manage Nodal Protocol Revision Requests (NPRRs) that are not necessary for the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date (TNMID)

**Background/History:**

With the implementation of PRR799, ERCOT CEO Approval of NPRRs and SCRs Prior to Posting on MIS, the ERCOT CEO evaluates submitted NPRRs to determine if each NPRR is necessary prior to the TNMID. A process is needed to manage NPRRs that the ERCOT CEO determines are not necessary prior to the TNMID. On 04/23/09, the PRS unanimously recommended approval of a parking deck concept for NPRRs. Attachment A includes the concept discussed at PRS and the pros/cons for establishing the parking deck at the varying levels of the stakeholder process. On 05/07/09, TAC recommended approval of the parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs with one abstention from the Independent Power Marketer Market Segment. Attachment B includes the recommended parking deck concept whitepaper for NPRRs. On 05/20/09, The ERCOT Board referred the TAC recommendation to the Special Nodal Program Committee for review.

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

The PRS met, discussed the issues and submitted a recommendation to TAC regarding a process to manage NPRRs that are not necessary for the TNMID. TAC considered the issues and voted to recommend approval of the parking deck whitepaper as described above.

**Alternatives:**

1. Recommend approval of the TAC recommendation for managing NPRRs that are not necessary for the TNMID as described in Attachment B or as modified by the ERCOT Board;
2. Reject the TAC recommendation;
3. Defer decision on the TAC recommendation; or
4. Remand the issue to TAC with instructions.

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

As more specifically described above, TAC recommends that the ERCOT Board approve the parking deck concept for NPRRs as described in Attachment B.