



Attachment A:  
**Parking Deck Discussion**

ERCOT Board of Directors

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# Parking Deck Discussion - Overview

- **Key Discussion Points**

- Define the parking deck
- Determine committee of ownership (i.e. where does the parking deck reside?)
- Expected schedule

## Parking Deck Discussion – Define the Parking Deck

- **An interim vehicle for housing items for Nodal post-Go-Live consideration**
  - Management of items deemed not needed for Nodal Go-Live
  - Bridge to a post-Go-Live PPL
- **Items in the parking deck**
  - Approved items
    - Only approved items can be placed in the parking deck
    - Provides certainty on language
    - Items are prioritized as they come through the process
- **Prioritization**
  - “Mini-PPL” (prioritized list of items without target releases)
    - Provides maximum flexibility
    - Highlights the market’s most important projects
    - Utilizes current processes
- **Location**
  - Tab on PPL

## Parking Deck Discussion – Determine Committee of Ownership

Committee	Pros	Cons
PRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits current time spent by other committees on the topic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doesn't produce Board-approved language</li> <li>• Requires adequate approval lead time to be included in an upcoming release.</li> <li>• Probably requires periodic updates at TAC and Board</li> <li>• Items that will ultimately be rejected by the process may linger in the parking deck</li> </ul>
TAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides additional market input into parking deck decision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as PRS Cons list above</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Directors</b>  <b>(suggested approach)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides maximum transparency</li> <li>• Results in approved language which allows for synchronization with subsequent language changes</li> <li>• Utilizes current processes</li> <li>• Items without market support are removed from process</li> <li>• Immediately actionable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision requests won't have an Impact Analysis (interim period only)</li> <li>• Results in second review when an item comes back for approval as part of a release</li> </ul>

## Parking Deck Discussion - Schedule

- **Tentatively schedule future releases**
  - Provides an indication of likely release timelines
  - Initially suggested by ERCOT project staff
  - Will be modified based on post-Go-Live factors and release contents
- **“Day of Reckoning”**
  - On a defined date, Impact Analysis of parking deck items will begin
    - To assist, a market working session will be scheduled to review the parking deck and make any prioritization adjustments
  - Perhaps sometime in Q4 2010 because 2011 will focus on Nodal stabilization
    - Funding could be allocated in 2010 to begin planning of the first release
- **Upon Nodal Go-Live, merge parking deck with PPL**
- **Leverage yearly project prioritization process**
  - Elements of a specific release should be finalized during the yearly prioritization process in the year prior to initiation of the release
    - ERCOT and market jointly plan elements of an upcoming release
    - This allows the proper amount of funding to be requested for the upcoming release