



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
February 15, 2010 at 8:30 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
Doggett, Trip	ERCOT	Interim President and Chief Executive Officer
Gent, Michehl	Unaffiliated	
Newton, Jan	Unaffiliated	

Staff and Guests:

Bohart, James	ERCOT
Bowman, Roy	ERCOT
Cleary, Mike	ERCOT
Day, Betty	ERCOT
Goodman, Dale	ERCOT
Iacobucci, Jason	ERCOT
Jefferis, Don	ERCOT
Legatt, Michael	ERCOT
Mickey, Joel	ERCOT
Morgan, Richard	ERCOT



Rossero, Nicole	ERCOT
Saathoff, Kent	ERCOT
Schwertner, Ray	Garland Power & Light
Seibert, Dave	ERCOT
Seymour, Cesar	SUEZ
Walker, DeAnn	CenterPoint Energy
Whittle, Brandon	DB Energy Trading, LLC
Wullenjohn, Bill	ERCOT

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

Bob Helton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Vote on Matters from Executive Session (Agenda Item 7)

There were no voting matters from Executive Session.

Approval of January 18, 2010 Minutes (Agenda Item 8)

A.D. Patton moved to approve the January 18, 2010 Open Session minutes. Trip Doggett seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Macomber Map Nodal Functionality Demonstration (Agenda Item 9)

Michael Legatt, Applications Developer Senior, provided the Macomber Map Nodal Functionality Demonstration.

Nodal Program Update (Agenda Item 10)

Mike Cleary, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, provided the Committee with the Nodal Program Update, stating that we were 289 days from go-live and 15 days into the real-time market trials. Mr. Cleary noted that there were currently no 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 247 of 275 Market Participants are qualified to participate in the market trials, with 97% of the generation being qualified. Jason Iacobucci, Nodal Program Manager, provided the integrated Nodal timeline to the Committee noting that the next program milestone, Phase 5, is currently targeted for May 3, 2010. Mr. Iacobucci additionally directed the Committee to the Nodal Program Risks and Issues as outlined in the presentation beginning on Slide 8.

Betty Day, Director of Markets, provided the Protocol Traceability Update. Ms. Day advised the committee that the Traceability efforts have concluded, stating that her team has completed their effort to review the Protocols to identify if there were any major holes, gaps, or other areas of significant concern. Ms. Day commented that they had identified some areas to be addressed but noted that none of the items caused significant concerns. Mr. Helton clarified that some of the



Alignment Items referenced on Slide 21 were not related to changes in functionality of any of the core systems but instead were related to clarifying the requirements under the Protocols.

Mr. Iacobucci provided the Market Readiness Update, informing the Committee of the status of Market Participant site visits, noting that 26 of the visits have been completed. Mr. Iacobucci also provided the Committee with an Active Market Participant Metrics scorecard. Mr. Cleary clarified that the Market Participants causing the metrics to be flagged as red, have been contacted to ensure that the Program has provided them every possible level of assistance.

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 January, 2010 were \$600,000 under budget. Mr. Jefferis commented that internal labor was over budget for the month, specifically because they engaged in training of internal personnel earlier than originally anticipated. Mr. Jefferis also stated that external resources and hardware expenses came in under budget by approximately \$200,000 each for the month. Mr. Jefferis concluded by stating that the Program has \$69.1 million of direct program costs remaining, while the Board contingency fund remains at \$105.5 million.

Other Business (Agenda Item 12)

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 13)

Chairman Helton adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:24 a.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