



**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

November 16, 2009 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
Armentrout, Mark	Unaffiliated	
Espinosa, Miguel	Unaffiliated	
Fehrenbach, Nick	City of Dallas	Commercial Consumers
Helton, Bob	International Power America Services	Independent Generators
Patton, A.D.	Unaffiliated	
Ryall, Jean	Constellation Energy	Independent Power Marketers
Thomas, Robert	Green Mountain Energy Company	Independent Retail Electric Providers

Other Board Members in Attendance:

Director	Affiliation	Segment
Barker, Laurie	Office of Public Utility Counsel	Residential Consumers
Cox, Brad	Tenaska Power Services	Independent Power Marketers
Gent, Michehl	Unaffiliated	
Newton, Jan	Unaffiliated	
Smitherman, Barry T.	Public Utility Commission of Texas	Commission Chairman

Staff and Guests:

Bohart, James	ERCOT
Cleary, Mike	ERCOT
Day, Betty	ERCOT
Gates, Vikki	ERCOT
Fox, Kip	AEP
Headrick, Bridget	PUCT
Jefferis, Don	ERCOT
Morgan, Richard	ERCOT
Ogelman, Kenan	CPS Energy



Reid, Walter	Wind Coalition
Richard, Naomi	LCRA
Rossero, Nicole	ERCOT
Seibert, Dave	ERCOT
Stephenson, Randa	Luminant

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

Bob Helton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:04 p.m. and immediately adjourned into Executive Session.

The Open Session was reconvened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Vote on Matters from Executive Sessions (Agenda Item 7)

Bob Helton moved to recommend approval of the Executive Session Contract Matter resolution in the Board materials noted as Agenda Item 21a. Mark Armentrout seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Approval of October 19, 2009 Minutes (Agenda Item 8)

Nick Fehrenbach moved to approve the October 19, 2009 Open Session minutes. A.D. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with one abstention (Mr. Thomas).

Nodal Program Update (Agenda Item 9)

Mike Cleary, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, provided the Committee with the Nodal Program Update, indicating that Nodal Go-live occurs in approximately 379 days. Mr. Helton expressed his appreciation for the Program progress and being able to see the systems at work as Bill Blevins, Manager of Operations Support and Nodal Transition, provided a Real-Time Energy Management System and Security Constrained Economic Dispatch Demonstration earlier that morning.

Betty Day, Director of Markets, provided the Protocol Traceability Update. Mr. Cleary confirmed that the role of the Nodal Advisory Task Force (NATF) was to serve as an advisory and informational group for the market.

Vikki Gates, ERCOT and Market Participant Readiness Project Manager, provided the Market Readiness Update. Ms. Gates specifically discussed Market Participant site visits and training sessions.

Don Jefferis, Interim Director Nodal Financial Management Office, provided the Nodal Program Financial Review. Mr. Cleary indicated that Mr. Jefferis is an independent contractor who will be stepping into this role to provide an independent assessment of the budgets. Mr. Jefferis



additionally discussed the increase to the contingency fund based upon the Program's on-schedule and under-budget progress.

Other Business (Agenda Item 10)

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 11)

Chairman Helton adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:38 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