



Date: September 14, 2010
To: ERCOT Board of Directors
From: Brad Jones, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair
Subject: Protocol Revision Requests (PRRs)

Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors

ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date: September 21, 2010

Agenda Item No.: 7a

Issue:

Consideration of the following PRRs:

- PRR846 – Deadlines for Initiating Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- PRR850 – Weather Responsiveness Determination for Interval Data Recorders – URGENT

Background/History:

Unless otherwise noted: (i) all Market Segments were present for each vote and (ii) ERCOT Credit Staff and the Credit Work Group (CWG) have reviewed the revision requests and do not believe it requires changes to credit monitoring activity or the calculation of liability.

- **PRR846 – Deadlines for Initiating ADR [Horizon Wind Energy].**

Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2010

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Determination: No opinion on whether or not PRR846 is necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

ERCOT Impact Analysis: No budgetary impact; no ERCOT staffing impacts; no impacts to ERCOT computer systems; no impacts to ERCOT business functions; no impacts to ERCOT grid operations and practices.

Revision Description: This PRR amends Section 20.3, Informal Dispute Resolution, to establish deadlines for the ADR procedures.

Procedural History: PRR846 was posted on February 15, 2010. On February 17, 2010, the motion to grant PRR846 Urgent status failed, via Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS) email vote. On February 18, 2010, the motion to re-urge Urgency for PRR846 failed, via PRS roll call vote. On March 25, 2010, PRS unanimously voted to recommend approval of PRR846 as amended by the March 17, 2010 ERCOT comments and as revised by PRS. On April 22, 2010, PRS unanimously voted to table PRR846 for one (1) month. On May 20, 2010, PRS voted to endorse and forward the March 25, 2010 PRS Report as amended by the May 17, 2010 Horizon Wind Energy comments and as revised by PRS and Impact Analysis for PRR846 to TAC via roll call vote. On June 3, 2010, TAC voted to recommend approval of PRR846 as recommended by PRS in the May 20, 2010 PRS Report. There was one (1) opposing vote from the Independent Generator Market Segment and three (3) abstentions from the Consumer, Investor Owned Utility (IOU) and the Independent Generator Market Segments. On July 20, 2010, the ERCOT Board remanded PRR846 to TAC. On August 5, 2010, TAC unanimously voted to table PRR846. On September 2, 2010, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of PRR846 as amended by the August 26, 2010



ERCOT/Horizon Joint comments.

- **PRR850 – Weather Responsiveness Determination for Interval Data Recorders [Commercial Operations Subcommittee (COPS)] - URGENT.**

Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2010

CEO Determination: Necessary prior to the Texas Nodal Market Implementation Date.

ERCOT Impact Analysis: Less than \$50,000 – no project requirement; no ERCOT staffing impacts; impacts to ERCOT Lodestar system; no impacts to ERCOT business functions; no impacts to ERCOT grid operations and practices.

Revision Description: This PRR limits the applicability of the weather responsiveness test to Interval Data Recorder (IDR) Meters.

Procedural History: PRR850 was posted on August 11, 2010. On August 13, 2010, PRR850 was granted Urgent status via PRS email vote. On August 19, 2010, PRS unanimously voted to recommend approval of PRR850 as submitted and forward PRR850 and the Impact Analysis to TAC. The Independent Power Marketer (IPM) Market Segment was not present for the vote. On September 2, 2010, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of PRR850 as recommended by PRS in the August 19, 2010 PRS Report.

The TAC Reports, Impact Analyses, and CEO Revision Request Reviews for these PRRs are included in the ERCOT Board meeting materials. In addition, these PRRs and supporting materials are posted on the ERCOT website at the following link: <http://www.ercot.com/mktrules/protocols/prr.html>.

Key Factors Influencing Issue:

PRS met, discussed the issues, and submitted reports to TAC regarding the PRRs described herein. TAC considered the issues and voted to take action on the PRRs as described above.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the TAC recommendation on PRR846 and/or PRR850 as described above or as modified by the ERCOT Board;
2. Reject the TAC recommendation on PRR846 and/or PRR850;
3. Defer decision on the merits of the TAC recommendation on PRR846 and/or PRR850; or
4. Remand PRR846 and/or PRR850 to TAC with instructions.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

As more specifically described above, TAC recommends that the ERCOT Board approve PRR846 and PRR850.



ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) Board of Directors (Board) deems it desirable and in ERCOT's best interest to approve the following Protocol Revision Requests (PRRs):

- PRR846 – Deadlines for Initiating Alternative Dispute Resolution
- PRR850 – Weather Responsiveness Determination for Interval Data Recorders – URGENT

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves PRR846 and PRR850.

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Bill Magness, Interim Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its September 21, 2010 meeting, the ERCOT Board of Directors passed a motion approving the above Resolution by _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of September, 2010.

Bill Magness
Interim Corporate Secretary