

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.

Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. 7620 Metro Center Drive, Room 206 Austin, Texas 78744 December 14, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice duly given, the meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT), convened on the above-referenced date.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members:

Director	Affiliation	Segment
Bermudez, Jorge		Unaffiliated
Crowder, Calvin	American Electric Power	Investor Owned Utility
	Service Corporation	
Dalton, Andrew	Valero Services, Inc.	Consumer/Industrial
Doggett, Trip	ERCOT	President and Chief Executive
		Officer
Doll, Laura		Unaffiliated
Dreyfus, Mark	Austin Energy	Municipal
Espinosa, Miguel		Unaffiliated
Fehrenbach, Nick	City of Dallas	Consumer/Commercial
Gent, Michehl		Unaffiliated, Acting Board
		Chairman
Givens, Sheri	Office of Public Utility Counsel	Consumer/Residential
Helton, Bob	International Power America	Independent Generator
	Services	
Karnei, Clifton	Brazos Electric Power	Cooperative
	Cooperative	
Patton, A.D.		Unaffiliated
Ryall, Jean	Constellation Energy	Independent Power Marketer
	Commodities Group	
Smitherman, Barry T.	Public Utility Commission of	Chairman
	Texas	
Zlotnik, Marcie	StarTex Power	Independent Retail Electric
		Provider

Guests:

Brown, Deryl	Hudson Energy Services (Segment Alternate)
Cleary, Mike	ERCOT Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Day, Betty	ERCOT Director of Commercial Market Operations



Dumas, John	ERCOT Director of Wholesale Market Operations
Gage, Theresa	ERCOT Director of External Affairs
Hobbs, Kristi	ERCOT Manager of Market Rules
Ierullo, Bruno	ERCOT Director of Human Resources
Jones, Brad	Luminant, Technical Advisory Committee Chair
Ksiazek, Paul	Panda Power Funds, Senior Vice President
Lasher, Warren	ERCOT Manager, Long Term Planning and Policy
Leady, Vickie	ERCOT Senior Corporate Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary
Lloyd, Brian	Public Utility Commission of Texas – Executive Director
Lowe, M. Cagle	ERCOT Director, Business Integration
Magness, Bill	ERCOT Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Manning, Chuck	ERCOT Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer
Morgan, Richard	ERCOT Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Nelson, Donna	Public Utility Commission of Texas – Commissioner
Petterson, Mike	ERCOT Controller
Saathoff, Kent	ERCOT Vice President of Grid Operations and System Planning
Walker, Mark	NRG Texas LLC (Segment Alternate)
Whittle, Brandon	DB Energy Trading LLC (Segment Alternate)

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

Michehl Gent, ERCOT Acting Board Chairman, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 8:37 a.m.

Barry T. Smitherman, Chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), called an Open Meeting of the Commission to order to consider matters which had been duly posted with the Texas Secretary of State for December 14, 2010. Chairman Smitherman introduced the new Executive Director of the Commission, Brian Lloyd.

Chairman Gent noted the absence of any proxies as all Board members were present. Chairman Gent pointed out the Antitrust and Security Admonitions and asked for notice if there were any such concerns during discussions in the meeting.

Chairman Gent took the Agenda Items in the following order for scheduling convenience.

Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 2)

Chairman Gent requested the removal of Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 295 from the Consent Agenda and noted that there would be no vote on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of November 16, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item 3)

Andrew Dalton and Calvin Crowder requested a revision be made to the November 16, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes under Agenda Item 7 (2010 Loss of Load Events Study) to reflect Mr. Dalton's opposition and Mr. Crowder's support of the vote.



Bob Helton moved to approve the General Session minutes of the November 16, 2010 Board Meeting with the revisions requested by Mr. Dalton and Mr. Crowder. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with two abstentions (Sheri Givens and Marcie Zlotnik).

Chairman Gent inquired about the update on the coordination between Luminant and ERCOT on a possible workaround for data conversion related to the Day Ahead Market (DAM) Power System Simulator for Engineering (PSS/E) files and status of NPRR290 as requested by Jean Ryall during the November 16, 2010 Board Meeting. Mr. Doggett confirmed that John Dumas, ERCOT Director of Wholesale Market Operations, would provide such an update during the Wholesale Market Operations Report.

Chairman Gent confirmed that Betty Day, ERCOT Director of Commercial Market Operations, would provide an update regarding the review of ERCOT producing total requirement versus self-arranged capacity services with regard to Non-Spinning Reserve as requested during the November 16, 2010 Board Meeting.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Update (Agenda Item 4)

Trip Doggett, ERCOT President and Chief Executive Officer, provided the Board with the CEO Update and responded to questions and comments. Mr. Doggett thanked ERCOT employees, contractors, and Market Participant employees and contractors for their engagement in training, education and testing which contributed to the successful transition to and launch of Nodal at midnight prior to December 1, 2010. Chairman Smitherman requested feedback from the wholesale and Retail Electric Provider communities later in the meeting on this transition to and launch of Nodal. Chairman Smitherman also thanked all contributors for the successful launch of Nodal.

Mr. Doggett noted that ERCOT conducted its first People's Choice Awards in which all employees cast a vote for nominees who are below manager level in five categories. Mr. Doggett recognized the following People's Choice Award winners: double-award winner Suzanne Lester, Executive Assistant for the Finance Department, for Best Always-Willing-to-Help and for Best Workplace Attitude; Aubrey Hale, Applications Developer, for Best Team Player; Mike Legatt, Principal, for Best Outside-the-Box Thinker; and Kamal Bhatia, Business Intelligence Analyst, for ERCOT Employee of the Year. Chairman Gent thanked Mr. Doggett for sharing the results of these peer awards with the Board.

Operating Reports (Agenda Item 5)

Chairman Gent noted that he would entertain questions on the Operating Reports, which have been reorganized since the launch of Nodal to separate the former Market Operations Report into the Wholesale Market Operations Report and the Commercial Market Operations Report and to include the Business Integration Update among the other standard reports.



Financial Summary Report (Agenda Item 5a)

Chairman Gent invited comments or questions regarding the Financial Summary Report, but there were none.

External Affairs Update (Agenda Item 5b)

Theresa Gage, ERCOT Director of External Affairs, provided an update on External Affairs for the Board members. In response to Chairman Smitherman's inquiry about whether the Sunset Commission would be focusing on ERCOT-related issues at its meeting on the following day, Ms. Gage responded that she did not anticipate any such focus, but that both she and Shelley Botkin, ERCOT Government Relations Manager, would be representing ERCOT at the meeting. Chairman Smitherman requested examples of any positive legislative response to the Nodal launch. Mr. Doggett responded that he had had several positive discussions with legislators after Nodal Go-Live.

Wholesale Market Operations Report (Agenda Item 5c)

Mr. Dumas reviewed the Wholesale Market Operations Report to the Board members. Mr. Dumas and Mr. Cleary addressed various comments and questions from Board members and Brad Jones, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, including such as those related to Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 293 which was being presented for the Board's approval at this meeting, to the notable increase in Market Participant participation in the Day-Ahead Market as compared to the market trials, to performance of the market, and to increased transparency and granularity of ancillary services on the grid. Mr. Cleary confirmed for Chairman Gent that the current data indicates a positive trend of energy in the day-ahead market being correctly hedged and provided for transmission.

Dr. Patton expressed that TAC might want to look at the issue of site-specific deliverability of ancillary services. Mr. Doggett responded that this topic is currently noted as a future agenda item for the Board. Mr. Brad Jones added that TAC was considering this issue, that an NPRR had been filed related to this matter, and that the Wholesale Market Subcommittee (WMS) was considering this issue at its meeting on the following day.

Commercial Market Operations Report (Agenda Item 5d)

Chairman Gent invited comments or questions regarding the Commercial Market Operations Report. Betty Day, ERCOT Director of Commercial Market Operations, responded to Board members' questions on this topic. Ms. Day reported that, as requested, the slide illustrating the addition or termination of Retail Electric Providers (REPs) and Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs) has been modified to identify each QSE's qualification level.

Information Technology (IT) and Facilities Report (Agenda Item 5e)

Chairman Gent invited comments or questions regarding the IT and Facilities Report. Richard Morgan, ERCOT Vice President and Chief Information Officer, noted that the Nodal launch



went smoothly and then provided an update on two unrelated systems issues on December 10 and 11, 2010, their resolutions, and future mitigation plans. Mr. Morgan responded to Board member questions and comments on these topics. Ms. Zlotnik requested a review of the redundancy of the retail systems. Mr. Cleary agreed to address this issue in 2011. Chairman Smitherman inquired about the potential cost associated with resolving system issues such as the ones which occurred on December 10 and 11, 2010. Mr. Morgan provided background on the system performance issues. Mr. Cleary noted Chairman Smitherman's concern and responded that he did not expect any significant amount of cost related to the resolution of these system performance issues. Mr. Cleary added that if he later learned that significant costs would be involved, he would apprise the Board and seek its approval.

Grid Operations and Planning Report (Agenda Item 5f)

Chairman Gent invited comments or questions regarding the Grid Operations and Planning Report. Mr. Dalton requested that Kent Saathoff, ERCOT Vice President of Grid Operations and System Planning, add the three best and three worst monthly scores for 2007 though 2010 to the "Day-Ahead Load Forecast Performance" chart. Mr. Saathoff agreed to provide that information at the January 2011 Board meeting. Mr. Saathoff responded to the Board members' questions and comments regarding the report.

Business Integration Update (Agenda Item 5g)

Mr. Cleary advised that the Project Management Office had been reconfigured into Business Integration, which would centralize ERCOT's capital projects. Cagle Lowe, ERCOT Director of Business Integration, provided the Business Integration Update. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Cleary responded to questions and comments from Board members.

In response to Mr. Dalton's request, Mr. Lowe agreed to identify potential versus actual risks differently in the Business Integration Update in the future. Calvin Crowder clarified, with regard to the Planning Model Project reference to Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) noted in the update, the issue relates to ensuring that the model is accurate for planning purposes rather than the amount of data and resources. Dr. Patton noted that, when prioritizing projects, ERCOT should be mindful of the number of Market Participants which would benefit from those projects as well as the associated cost. Mr. Cleary agreed and cited recent ERCOT creation of the Business Integration team for the purpose of prioritization and of assessment of value for the related cost. Mr. Dreyfus noted that cost of projects to the Market Participants should also be considered. Ms. Zlotnik also suggested that these projects need to be considered at a bigger-picture level from the consumers' perspective.

The discussion of the Business Integration Update continued later in the meeting.

Commendation of ERCOT Staff for Successful Nodal Go-Live

Chairman Gent announced that the Board desired to commend ERCOT staff for their diligent efforts and tireless dedication to achieve go-live of the nodal market implementation for the ERCOT Region by December 1, 2010. Chairman Gent continued that the Board desired to



further commend ERCOT staff for the successful launch of this extraordinarily innovative market redesign and systems upgrade to improve grid reliability, increase market efficiency, and enable transparency of wholesale energy prices for the 22 million consumers served by ERCOT. Chairman Gent concluded that the Board wished to express its most sincere appreciation and thanks to ERCOT staff for fulfilling the ERCOT Vision with the nodal market implementation by December 1, 2010 – that is, to be innovative in providing a world-class, cost-effective, reliable electric grid and efficient electricity markets.

Miguel Espinosa moved to approve the commendation of ERCOT Staff for the successful Nodal Go-Live as presented by Chairman Gent. Clifton Karnei seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Chairman Gent also noted the national acclaim received by ERCOT for its successful nodal market implementation.

<u>Break – Recess to Annual Meeting of Corporate Members Luncheon at the Austin Airport</u> <u>Hilton (Agenda Item 10)</u>

Chairman Gent recessed the meeting at approximately 10:28 a.m. to allow Board members and ERCOT staff to attend the Annual Meeting of Corporate Members Luncheon at the Austin Airport Hilton. Chairman Gent reconvened the meeting at approximately 1:22 pm.

Summary of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones Reactive Study (Agenda Item 7)

Chairman Gent announced that the Board's consideration of the Summary of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones Reactive Study (Study Summary) (Agenda Item 7) was being deferred until the January 18, 2011 Board meeting. Mr. Dalton requested a more robust Study Summary with recommendations and various options for implementation. Mr. Doggett offered to have Mr. Saathoff contact Mr. Dalton to determine the extent of his request in preparation for the January 18, 2011 Board meeting. Warren Lasher, ERCOT Manager of Long Term Planning and Policy, provided some preliminary clarifying comments on the Study Summary.

Business Integration Update (Agenda Item 5g) - continued

Chairman Gent then invited questions for Mr. Lowe regarding his portion of the presentation of the Business Integration Update, which was provided earlier in the meeting, but there were none.

Chairman Gent invited questions on the Monthly Financial Review portion of the Business Integration Update. Mr. Petterson noted the financial information on the Nodal project through October 31, 2010, in the materials, and that a full accounting of actual costs incurred through Nodal Go-Live would be provided at the January 18, 2011 Board meeting.

At Chairman Smitherman's request, Chairman Gent then invited comments from the REP community. Ms. Zlotnik provided the REP perspective, noted that the comments she received had been positive, and concluded that the REPs are cautiously optimistic. Mr. Karnei echoed Ms. Zlotnik's comments regarding the mechanics of the market from the Cooperative perspective,



but added that there had been issues which ERCOT is addressing related to the Day-Ahead Market not picking up a combined cycle unit and a companion unit not being cycled at all. Mr. Helton provided the Independent Generator perspective, which was positive. Mr. Crowder provided the Investor Owned Utility perspective. He noted the manual workarounds and priorities being developed with ERCOT, but reported a positive general experience overall. Jean Ryall provided the Independent Power Marketer perspective, congratulated ERCOT on a smooth Nodal launch, and added that the Independent Power Marketer segment was working through the proper stakeholder process to address issues that arise.

Mr. Doggett offered to provide voluntary educational workshops for the Board on the market, beginning as early as January 2011. He noted that these workshops would likely last from one to one and a half hours prior to the Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

Mr. Helton and Chairman Gent requested that the Independent Market Monitor (IMM) provide its perspective on the market to the Board over the next couple of months, subject to Commission permission, which was given by Chairman Smitherman.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (Agenda Item 6)

Chairman Gent invited Mr. Jones, TAC Chair, to provide a report on recent TAC activities. Mr. Jones noted that TAC was seeking Board approval on NPRRs 293 and 295, both on an urgent basis, and provided the background on each NPRR. Mr. B. Jones then provided the TAC Update and responded to Board member questions and comments.

Nodal Protocol Revision Requests (NPRRs) (Agenda Item 6a)

<u>NPRR295</u>

 NPRR295 – Synchronization of Protocol for Generation Resource Designation as Mothballed or Decommissioned [ERCOT] – URGENT.

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2011.

ERCOT Impact Analysis: No budgetary impact; no additional full-time equivalents needed; no system changes required; no impacts to ERCOT business functions; no impact to grid operations.

Revision Description: This NPRR synchronizes the Nodal Protocols with zonal Protocol Section 6.5.9.3, Generation Resource Return to Service Updates, regarding return-to-service of Mothballed or Decommissioned Generation Resources. In addition, a clarification was made for removal of Decommissioned Generation Resources from ERCOT registration systems.

Procedural History: NPRR295 was posted on November 11, 2010. On November 18, 2010, PRS unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR295 as submitted and to forward NPRR295 and the Impact Analysis to TAC. On December 6, 2010, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR295 as recommended by PRS in the November 18, 2010 PRS Report, to grant NPRR295 Urgent status and to direct the Wholesale Market Subcommittee (WMS) to review the issues set forth in the December 3, 2010 Topaz Power comments.



Mr. Karnei moved to approve NPRR295. Mr. Espinosa seconded the motion. Kristi Hobbs, ERCOT Manager of Market Rules, noted that TAC recommended an effective date of January 1, 2011, for NPRR295, but that ERCOT staff recommended NPRR295 to become effective upon Board approval. Mr. Karnei clarified that he moved to approve NPRR295 to become effective upon Board approval. Mr. Espinosa agreed with the clarification. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

NPRR293

• NPRR293 – Requirement to Post PTP Obligation Quantities Awarded in DAM (formerly "Requirement to Post CRR Option and Obligation Quantities Cleared in DAM or Taken to Real Time") [Luminant] – URGENT.

Proposed Effective Date: Upon ERCOT Board approval. Grey-boxed language will be effective upon system implementation – Priority High.

ERCOT Impact Analysis: Interim solution: approximately \$2,000 per month for a manual posting process; approximately 1 hour per day for one Full Time Equivalent (FTE); no computer impacts for the manual process; ERCOT will implement a daily manual process to post the quantities of Point-to-Point (PTP) Obligations awarded in the Day-Ahead Market (DAM); Automated solution – Cost of automation will be less than \$50,000; the CDR (Current Day Reports) and MIS (Market Information System) systems will be impacted when the manual process is automated.

Revision Description: This NPRR adds language to specify the need for ERCOT to post quantities of PTP Obligations that were awarded in the DAM.

Procedural History: NPRR293 was posted on November 14, 2010. On November 18, 2010, the Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS) voted to recommend approval of NPRR293 as amended by the November 17, 2010 Luminant Energy comments and as revised by PRS; to assign NPRR293 a priority of High; and to forward NPRR293 to TAC. There was one (1) abstention from the Independent Generator Market Segment. On December 6, 2010, TAC voted to recommend approval of NPRR293 as recommended by PRS in the November 18, 2010 PRS Report and as revised by TAC, to grant NPRR293 Urgent status and to recommend an effective date of "upon ERCOT Board approval" for the non-grey-boxed revisions. There was one (1) opposing vote from the Cooperative Market Segment and one abstention from the Consumer Market Segment.

Mr. Jones provided background information on NPRR293, noted the timing of the TAC meeting on December 6, 2010, in relation to the Board meeting on December 14, 2010, and responded to Board members' questions on NPRR293. Mr. Doggett reviewed ERCOT comments on NPRR293 with the Board members. Mr. Crowder and Chairman Gent voiced concern regarding the timing of ERCOT's filing of comments. Mr. Crowder acknowledged the scheduling challenges in relation to the TAC and Board meetings in the month of December.

In response to Nick Fehrenbach's comments, Mr. Doggett requested that Ms. Hobbs and Mr. Jones review the TAC and ERCOT processes for providing redlined NPRRs to the Board and that they provide an update at the January 18, 2011 Board meeting. Mr. Jones agreed to evaluate



the red-lining process and provide the Board with different options using this particular NPRR example.

Mr. Karnei moved to approve NPRR293 as amended by the December 13, 2010 ERCOT comments. Mr. Dreyfus seconded the motion. Mr. Jones, Mr. Cleary and Mr. Dumas responded to Board members' questions on NPRR293. The motion passed by voice vote with one opposed (Mr. Dalton) and two abstentions (Mr. Bermudez and Dr. Patton). Chairman Gent called Mr. Jones' attention to the need for improvement of the presentation of the NPRR red-lined changes, which Mr. Jones agreed to address.

Mr. Bermudez noted his concern about the timing of the presentation of these NPRRs, particularly in relation to the ability of Board members to be informed in a timely manner of these NPRRs in advance of the Board vote. Mr. Fehrenbach expressed his concern about the timing of the discovery and presentation of these issues by Market Participants. Mr. Jones clarified the timing background on the issues related to NPRR293 and noted the length of the stakeholder process. Mr. Dalton provided comments with regard to potential considerations in the providing of information related to NPRRs from a policy perspective. Mr. Jones agreed to review the entire process and provide the Board with recommendations.

Mr. Jones concluded the TAC Report by reviewing Guide Revision Requests and anticipated NPRRs. Mr. Crowder inquired about expedited process for dealing with corrections to NPRRs. Ms. Hobbs answered that the urgent NPRR process as documented in Nodal Protocol, Section 21 – Process for Nodal Protocol Revision, was the method to address those types of corrections. Mr. Cleary added that the Nodal Advisory Task Force (NATF) was available and that mechanism was in place as part of the stabilization to address emergency issues and resolve problems quickly.

ERCOT Region Reliability Monitor Agreement (Agenda Item 8)

Bill Magness, ERCOT Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, presented the proposed amendment and renewal of the ERCOT Region Reliability Monitor Agreement among ERCOT, the Commission, and Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. (Texas RE), for Board authorization. Mr. Magness, Mr. Lloyd and Commissioner Donna Nelson responded to the Board members' questions and comments regarding this proposed agreement.

Mr. Crowder moved to approve the amendment and renewal of the ERCOT Region Reliability Monitor Agreement among ERCOT, the Commission and Texas RE, as presented. Mr. Espinosa seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote with two abstentions (Mr. Dalton and Mr. Fehrenbach).

Adjunct Membership for Panda Power Funds (Agenda Item 9)

Mr. Magness presented the Board with the application for Adjunct Membership of Panda Power Generation Infrastructure Fund, LLC, doing business as Panda Power Funds (Panda Power Funds), for Membership Year 2011 and responded to Board members' questions and comments regarding this topic.



Mr. Karnei moved to approve the Adjunct Membership for Panda Power for Membership Year 2011. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion. Mr. Fehrenbach inquired about Panda Power's participation in the market. Paul Ksiazek, Senior Vice President with Panda Power Funds for Power Marketing and Fuels, briefed the Board members on basic company information, noting that Panda Power Funds did not currently hold any megawatts in the ERCOT Region. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Finance & Audit (F&A) Committee Report (Agenda Item 11)

Mr. Karnei, F&A Committee Chairman, noted that the F&A Committee met on the prior day and reported on various items considered at its meeting including:

- Committee Approval of the 2011 Internal Audit Plan;
- Committee Acceptance of the unqualified SAS70 Audit Opinion;
- Committee Approval of option to extend the agreement with SAS70 Solutions, Inc., for 2011 and 2012; and
- Briefing on ERCOT Credit status.

Mr. Karnei confirmed that the F&A Committee was not presenting any voting items to the Board this month.

Human Resources & Governance (HR&G) Committee Report; and Discussion regarding 2011 Board Strategic Planning Event (Agenda Items 12 and 12a)

Mr. Dalton, HR&G Committee Chairman, reported that the HR&G Committee met on the prior day and reported on various items considered at its meeting, including:

- Discussion of Performance Goals and Standards for 2011;
- Personnel update including headcount status;
- Discussion of 2011 ERCOT Strategic Planning Event; and
- Reminder regarding completion of Committee Self-Evaluation Survey.

In response to Chairman Smitherman's request for additional information on the decrease in ERCOT headcount, Mr. Doggett agreed to provide such information.

At Chairman Gent's request, Mr. Doggett reviewed initial plans and agenda items for the 2011 Board Strategic Planning Event anticipated to be held on February 16, 2011, at ERCOT's Taylor facilities.

Other Business (Agenda Item 13)

No other business was discussed at this time.

Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 14)



In response to Chairman Gent's request for any additions to the Future Agenda Items, Mr. Crowder requested that the addition of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones Reactive Study to the January 2011 Board agenda.

Executive Session (Agenda Items 15 - 20)

Chairman Gent adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at approximately 2:44 p.m. until approximately 4:16 p.m., when he reconvened the meeting to Open Session.

Vote on Matters from Executive Session (Agenda Item 21)

Dr. Patton moved to approve the Contract Matter considered in Executive Session by the Board identified as Agenda Item 19b in the Board materials as presented. Mr. Bermudez seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions. Chairman Gent noted that the Board has instructed ERCOT staff to assist the Board with developing a policy for extended service and maintenance contracts.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 22)

Chairman Gent adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:17 p.m.

Board materials and presentations from the meeting are available on ERCOT's website at <u>http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/</u>.

Bill Magness *U* Corporate Secretary