

MEETING MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.

Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc. 7620 Metro Center Drive (Room 206) - Austin, Texas 78744 February 14, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly given and after determination by the Committee Chairman that a quorum was present, the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee (Committee) of the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) convened on the above-referenced date. After meeting earlier in Executive Session, the Committee then met in General Session.

General Session Attendance

Committee Members:

| Bermudez, Jorge (Vice Chair) | Unaffiliated Director | Unaffiliated Director |
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| Crowder, Calvin | American Electric Power Service Corporation | Investor Owned Utility |
| Dreyfus, Mark | Austin Energy | Municipal |
| Espinosa, Miguel | Unaffiliated Director | Unaffiliated Director |
| Karnei, Clifton (Chair) | Brazos Electric Power Cooperative | Cooperative |
| Zlotnik, Marcie | StarTex Power | Independent Retail Electric Provider |

Other Board Members and Segment Alternates:

| Brown, Jeff | Shell Energy North America | Segment Alternate - Independent Power Marketer |
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| Dalton, Andrew | Valero Services Inc. | Consumer/Industrial |
| Doggett, Trip | ERCOT | President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) |
| Doll, Laura | Unaffiliated Director | Unaffiliated Director, Board Chairman |
| Gent, Michehl | Unaffiliated Director | Unaffiliated Director, Board Vice Chairman |
| Givens, Sheri | Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) | Consumer/Residential |
| Hendrick, Eric | Stream Energy | Segment Alternate - Independent Retail Electric Provider |
| Nelson, Donna | Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) | Commissioner (Alternate Representative for Barry T. |



| | | Smitherman, Chairman) |
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| Patton, A.D. | Unaffiliated Director | Unaffiliated Director |
| Prochazka, Scott | CenterPoint Houston Electric | Segment Alternate - Investor Owned Utility |
| Ryall, Jean | Constellation Energy | Independent Power Marketer |

ERCOT Staff and Guests:

| Cobos, Lori | ERCOT Associate Corporate Counsel | |
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| Cleary, Mike | ERCOT Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer | |
| Leady, Vickie | ERCOT Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary | |
| 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 | |
| Nikazm, Tamila | Austin Energy – Credit Work Group Vice Chair | |
| Petterson, Mike | ERCOT Vice President of Finance and Treasury | |
| Saathoff, Kent | ERCOT Vice President of Grid Operations and System Planning | |
| Wullenjohn, Bill | ERCOT Director of Internal Audit | |
| Yager, Cheryl | ERCOT Treasurer | |

Chairman Karnei convened the General Session of the Committee meeting at approximately 4:27 p.m. and addressed the following Agenda Items in the order below.

Approval of General Session Minutes – January 17, 2011 (Agenda Item 4)

Chairman Karnei entertained a motion to approve the January 17, 2011 Finance and Audit (F&A) Committee General Session Meeting Minutes (Minutes). Miguel Espinosa requested the following revisions to the Minutes:

- Agenda Item 7 (Review and Assess Adequacy of Committee Charter) add to the end of the last sentence "in accordance with the Committee Charter".
- Agenda Item 10 (Results of F&A Committee Self Assessment) strike last sentence "Mr. Gent requested a focus on increased training in 2011."

Miguel Espinosa moved to approve the Minutes with his requested revisions. Marcie Zlotnik seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Review and Recommend Board Approval of the F&A Committee Charter (Agenda Item 5)

Chairman Karnei deferred the consideration of the F&A Committee Charter to the March 2011 Committee meeting.



Review and Recommend Board Approval of Investment and Financial Corporate Standards (Agenda Items 7a and 7b)

Chairman Karnei deferred the consideration of the Investment and Financial Corporate Standards to the March 2011 Committee meeting.

Confirm Credit Work Group (CWG) Chair and Vice-Chair (Agenda Item 6)

Chairman Karnei entertained a motion to confirm Arleen Spangler, with NRG Energy, Inc., as the 2011 CWG Chair and Tamila Nikazm, with Austin Energy, as 2011 CWG Vice-Chair.

Calvin Crowder moved to approve Ms. Spangler as CWG Chair and Ms. Nikazm as CWG Vice-Chair. Miguel Espinosa seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Review Quarterly Investment Report (Agenda Item 8)

Chairman Karnei solicited questions on the Quarterly Investment Report from the Committee members, but there were none.

Review Committee Briefs (Agenda Item 9)

Chairman Karnei solicited questions on the Committee Briefs from the Committee members, but there were none.

Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 10)

In response to Chairman Karnei's inquiry, Mike Petterson, ERCOT Vice President of Finance and Treasury, noted that the items deferred from this Committee meeting would be added to the March 2011 Committee meeting agenda.

Other Business (Agenda Item 11)

There was no other business considered at this time.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Chairman Karnei adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:39 p.m.

Committee materials and presentations from the meeting are available on ERCOT's website at: http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/finance_audit/

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Associate Corporate Counsel