

# **Emergency Interruptible Load Service (EILS) Update**

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#### **Contract Periods & Time Periods**

- EILS is procured 3 times annually for 4-month Contract Periods
  - February thru May
  - June thru September
  - October thru January
- Participants may offer to provide the service for one or more Time Periods:
  - 1. Business Hours 1: 8AM to 1PM Monday-Friday\*
  - 2. Business Hours 2: 1PM to 4PM Monday-Friday\*
  - 3. Business Hours 3: 4PM to 8PM Monday-Friday\*

    \* Except ERCOT Holidays
  - 4. Non-Business Hours: All other hours
- Time Periods are designed to allow flexibility in for customers during traditional business hours



# **February 2-3 EILS Event Update**

### EILS was dispatched twice on Feb. 2

05:49 initial dispatch: 384 MW obligated

08:53 second dispatch: 84 additional MW obligated

- EILS was recalled at 10:01 on Feb. 3
  - 28-hour deployment included 5 transitions to new Time Periods
- Event performance analysis has numerous complicating factors:
  - EILS Loads are required to "remain reduced" until recalled, even if not obligated in all hours
  - Extra scrutiny required to ensure accuracy of baseline estimates for business-as-usual Load over an event of this duration
  - Loads were allowed partial or temporary return to service to avoid risk to health & safety or long-term damage to industrial equipment



# **February 2-3 EILS Event Update**

- Performance review being conducted at three levels:
  - EILS fleet
  - QSE Portfolio
  - Individual EILS Load
- At March 24 PUC Open Meeting ERCOT reported:
  - For first three hours of event EILS Loads provided an average of 381 MW of demand response (99% of 384 MW obligation)
  - For next five hours (following 2<sup>nd</sup> dispatch) EILS Loads provided an average of 588 MW of demand response (126% of 468 MW obligation)
- This analysis was preliminary and more granular review is underway
- Final report on event performance will be complete first week of May



# **Procurement for April-May 2011 Contract Period**

- PUC unanimously approved Emergency Rulemaking at March 24 Open Meeting (Project 39191)
- ERCOT procured only those EILS Loads that ERCOT could conclusively determine performed during the February 2 event
  - Some loads that were not procured may ultimately be found to have successfully deployed after more thorough evaluation
- For the 4 time periods ERCOT procured from 117.7 to 130.4 MWs with a maximum average cost from \$6.20 to \$6.80 per MW
- Total maximum projected cost for this contract period is \$1,119,879.10

