



**Date:** July 12, 2011  
**To:** ERCOT Board of Directors  
**From:** Brad Jones, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair  
**Subject:** Non-Unanimous Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR)

**Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors**

**ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date:** July 19, 2011

**Agenda Item No.:** 6b

**Issue:**

Consideration of NPRR312 – Clarification of Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) Requirements for Split Generation Resources.

**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 request and do not believe it requires changes to credit monitoring activity or the calculation of liability.

- **NPRR312 – Clarification of QSE Requirements for Split Generation Resources [ERCOT] – URGENT.**

**Proposed Effective Date:** August 1, 2011.

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

**Revision Description:** This NPRR defines Master QSE, clarifies the designation and responsibilities of the Master QSE for a Generation Resource that has been split to function as two or more Split Generation Resources, and clarifies the responsibilities of the QSEs for such Split Generation Resources. This NPRR also addresses Settlement and billing disputes related to the application of integrated Real-Time telemetry from a Generation Resource that has been split to function as two or more Split Generation Resources.

**Procedural History:** On June 2, 2011, TAC unanimously voted to recommend approval of NPRR312 as recommended by the Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS) in the May 19, 2011 PRS Report and as revised by TAC with a recommended priority of High and rank of 24. On June 21, 2011, the Board remanded NPRR312 to TAC. On July 7, 2011, TAC voted to recommend approval of NPRR312 as recommended by TAC in the June 2, 2011 TAC Report and as revised by TAC. There were two (2) abstentions from the Independent Generator and Independent Power Marketer Market Segments.

The TAC Report and Impact Analysis for NPRR312 are included in the ERCOT Board meeting materials which can found on the following link:  
<http://www.ercot.com/calendar/2011/07/20110719-BOD>.

In addition, NPRR312 and supporting materials are posted on the ERCOT website at the following link: <http://www.ercot.com/mktrules/nprotocols/npr>.

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

PRS met, discussed the issues, and submitted a report to TAC regarding NPRR312, described herein. TAC considered the issues and voted to take action on NPRR312, as described above.

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve the TAC recommendation on NPRR312, as described above or as modified by the ERCOT Board;
2. Reject the TAC recommendation on NPRR312;
3. Defer decision on the TAC recommendation on NPRR312; or
4. Remand NPRR312 to TAC with instructions.

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

As more specifically described above, TAC recommends that the ERCOT Board approve NPRR312 as described herein.



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

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the alternatives, the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) deems it desirable and in the best interest of ERCOT to approve NPRR312 – Clarification of Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) Requirements for Split Generation Resources.

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the ERCOT Board hereby approves NPRR312.

**CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Bill Magness, Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its July 19, 2011 meeting, the ERCOT Board passed a motion approving the above Resolution by \_\_\_\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2011.

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Bill Magness  
Corporate Secretary