

**Date:** June 12, 2012  
**To:** ERCOT Board of Directors  
**From:** Kenan Ogelman, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair  
**Subject:** Non-Unanimous Nodal Protocol Revision Requests (NPRRs)  
Recommended by TAC for Approval

**Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors**

**ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date:** June 19, 2012

**Agenda Item No.:** 13a

**Issue:**

Consideration of the impact assessment for Parking Deck Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 260, Providing Access to MIS Secure Area to MIS Registered Users, recommended for approval by TAC which had opposing votes recorded.

**Background/History:**

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

- *NPRR260, Providing Access to MIS Secure Area to MIS Registered Users [Crescent Power].*

**Revision Description:** This NPRR adds the defined term "Independent Market Information System Registered Entity (IMRE)" to the Nodal Protocols. By doing so, the Standard Form Market Participant Agreement would bind IMREs to the Nodal Protocols and, in particular, provisions in Section 16.12, User Security Administrator and Digital Certificates.

**Effective Date:** Upon System Implementation – Priority 2012; Rank 140

**ERCOT Impact Analysis:** \$140k - \$220k (implementation cost); \$120k - \$130k (annual O&M cost); ERCOT staffing impacts of one full-time employee (FTE); impacts to ERCOT.com, Market Information System (MIS), Registration System, Market Participant Identity Management (MPIM), Enterprise Integration (EI), and Enterprise Information Services (EIS); ERCOT business functions will be updated; no impacts to ERCOT grid operations or practices.

**ERCOT Opinion:** As stated in the 3/21/12 ERCOT comments, ERCOT supports approval of the impact assessment for NPRR260 as it provides improved market data transparency and it will also support an ERCOT project to decommission the Planning and Operations Information website.

**TAC Decision:** On 4/5/12, TAC voted to recommend approval of the impact assessment for NPRR260 as recommended by PRS in the 3/22/12 PRS Report – Impact Assessment. There were two opposing votes from the Investor Owned Utility (IOU) and Cooperative Market Segments.

The TAC Report and Impact Analysis for NPRR260 are included in the ERCOT Board meeting

materials which can found at the following link:

<http://www.ercot.com/calendar/2012/06/20120619-BOD>

In addition, NPRR260 and supporting materials are posted on the ERCOT website at the following link:

<http://www.ercot.com/mktrules/nprotocols/npr>

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

The PRS met, discussed the issues, and submitted a report to TAC regarding NPRR260 as described herein. TAC considered the issues and voted to take action on NPRR260 as described above.

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

As more specifically described above, TAC recommends that the ERCOT Board approve the impact assessment for NPRR260 as described herein.

**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 Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR):

- Impact Assessment for Parking Deck NPRR260, Providing Access to MIS Secure Area to MIS Registered Users

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the ERCOT Board hereby approves NPRR260 as recommended in the April 5, 2012 TAC Report.

**CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Vickie G. Leady, Assistant Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its June 19, 2012 meeting, the ERCOT Board passed a motion approving the above Resolution by \_\_\_\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2012.

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Vickie G. Leady  
Assistant Corporate Secretary