
Item 12: Recommendation regarding Technical Advisory Committee Structure

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Summary of TAC Update

Description of Subcommittee Review Process and Actions

Description of Changes to TAC Procedures

Subcommittee Review Process and Actions

In an effort to improve TAC's existing processes and organizational structure for the purpose of enhancing efficiency, effectiveness, and aligning its structure to meet new goals and objectives, TAC annually reviews its existing structure and procedures. In October 2012, TAC had a public meeting on the issue and since that review the following actions were taken:

- TAC retired the Market Enhancements Task Force (METF) as the task force had fulfilled its charter.
- Leadership of each Subcommittee reported on the need for each Task Force and Working Group. Sub-groups that are not needed are eliminated on an ongoing basis.
- Issues must be assigned by leadership to sub-groups and not taken up by sub-groups on their own.
- The use of “Possible Vote” and associated posting of materials will be better controlled.
- Subcommittees may meet in congruence with their sub-groups to conserve stakeholder and ERCOT resources.

Summary of TAC Procedure Changes

- **Included an attachment entitled, ERCOT Rules of Order, to document common practices and ensure TAC and its subcommittees are consistently applying meeting rules.**
 - For example, a common recurring question was who can make a motion to reconsider and is the mover required to vote differently than the original motion.
 - TAC documented in its procedures that the mover must have been on the prevailing side of the motion to be reconsidered; it passes by simple majority; and there is no requirement that mover/second of motion to be reconsidered approve the motion.
- **Regardless of the descriptions below in no circumstance is the two-thirds requirement for an action of TAC changed. The TAC procedures also apply to its subcommittees which have a different voting threshold for approval.**
- **For the following motions, a two-thirds vote in favor is required for approval by the subcommittee:**
 - Return to a previously tabled item
 - Calling the question
 - Limit or extend debate
 - Waive notice