

Date: March 12, 2013
To: ERCOT Board of Directors
From: Kenan Ögelman, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair
Subject: Annual TAC Structure and Procedural Review

Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors

ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board) Meeting Date: March 19, 2013

Agenda Item No.: 13.2

Issue:

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. TAC submits the following which was also discussed at the January 14, 2013 Human Resources and Governance Committee of the Board for ERCOT Board input on implementing the identified improvements.

Background/History:

In 2010, TAC established a process that each year, TAC leadership, including the leadership of each of the TAC subcommittees, would meet for the purpose of generating proposals for possible structural and procedural improvements to be considered by TAC. On October 4, 2012, TAC and subcommittee leadership met to discuss ideas to improve TAC’s existing processes and structure. Areas of focus included:

- Leadership of each Subcommittee reported on the need for each task force and working group. Sub-groups that are not needed are disbanded.
- 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.
- Proposed revisions to the TAC Procedures to document common practices to aid in consistently applying meeting rules across voting groups.

Ideas from the leadership meeting were shared at the November 1, 2012 TAC. Subsequently, proposed revisions to the TAC Procedures were compiled and distributed for stakeholder and subcommittee comment. Proposed revisions can be reviewed on the ERCOT website at:

<http://www.ercot.com/content/meetings/tac/keydocs/2013/0103/13. TAC Procedures 090712 DRAFT 010313.doc>

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 voted at its January 3, 2013 meeting on the following:

- Unanimously approved proposed revisions to the TAC Procedures. In summary, the revisions involved the inclusion of 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 to approve the motion.
- 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, limiting or extending debate, and waiving notice. Regardless of the description above, in no circumstance is the two-thirds requirement for an action of TAC changed. The TAC Procedures also apply to its subcommittees which have different voting thresholds for approval.
- Unanimously approved retiring the Market Enhancements Task Force as the task force had fulfilled its charter.

The current TAC Procedures can be located on the ERCOT website at:

http://www.ercot.com/content/committees/board/tac/keydocs/2013/TAC_Procedures_02012013.doc

Key Factors Influencing Issue:

The TAC met, discussed the issues and voted to submit the above recommendation for ERCOT Board input.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

As more specifically described above, TAC requests that the ERCOT Board provide feedback or any concerns on the TAC 2012 Structural and Procedural Review recommendation.