**B**lack **S**tart **W**orking **G**roup

**Report to ROS**

**October 10, 2013 Meeting**

**The Black Start Working Group (BSWG) met on September 10, 2013. The following were the main topics of discussion:**

**Black Start Template Revision Update:**

The Black Start template revisions were approved by ROS at the September 12th meeting. TAC will vote on the revisions at the October 10th meeting. Once approved by TAC, the Black Start template revisions will become effective. This will allow the BSWG to use the revised template to develop their 2014 Black Start plans. These plans are due to ERCOT by November 1st.

**Review of Black Start Scope:**

The BSWG has reviewed the working group scope. With the introduction of the Black Start Gas Coordination Group (BSGCG), the BSWG discussed adding gas coordination to our scope. The BSGCG is a stand-alone group. The BSWG would like to add a statement to our scope to reference coordination with BSGCG. The BSWG plans to have a scope revision ready for the November ROS meeting for a vote.

**Black Start Gas Coordination:**

ERCOT, in conjunction with BSWG, has initiated steps to include gas suppliers in the discussion of system restoration after a Black Out. This has been a challenging endeavor due to legal and confidentiality concerns of participants from the gas industry.

The non-disclosure agreement was finalized and distributed by ERCOT so participants can meet to discuss gas coordination as it relates to system restoration. The first meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at ERCOT in Taylor.

**Next BSWG Meeting: October 8, 2013**