

# Item 8: Update on Future Ancillary Services Team (FAST) Activity

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### **Drivers for new AS Framework**

### **Current AS Framework has performed well but has limitations:**

- Resources could provide some services more efficiently if the requirements were 'unbundled'
- The increased capacity of emerging technologies and the displacement of conventional generation changes the grid's dynamic response
- Inability to fully utilize new technologies (e.g. storage resources, combined cycles with duct firing, and Load Resources) to provide AS within existing framework

'Operational Reliability and Flexible Market Design'



### Goal

#### **Current AS Framework**

- Based on capabilities of conventional steam generating units
- Unique services bundled together due to inherent capabilities of conventional units
- Mix of compensated and uncompensated services
- New technologies are cobbled on, with difficulty



- Technology neutral
- Market-based
- Based on fundamental needs of the system, not resource characteristics
- Unbundled services
- Flexible for new technologies



Now

3+ Years

Transition Plan TBD



### **Scope of Proposed AS Framework**

### **AS** framework intended to guide:

- Requirements for changes to ERCOT systems (EMMS, etc.)
- Investment in new resources and new resource types

## Framework must include roadmap for transition from current to future framework:

- Prioritization of services to be transitioned
- Inter-relationship of services that must transition concurrently
- High-level consideration of ERCOT systems and market impacts



### Recap

- 1. Original Concept Paper provided 9-27-13
- Concept Paper version 1.1 provided 11-1-13 which incorporated written comments and info received at the October 2013 Workshop
- 3. Weekly work sessions began in January 2014 (17 meetings so far in 2014)
- 4. 15 sets of comments from Market Participants on the "Consolidated Working Document" reviewed in June 2014
- 5. Draft NPRR (based on "Consolidated Working Document" and discussion) posted 6-26-14 to the "key documents" area on FAST meeting page at: http://www.ercot.com/committees/other/fast/index.html

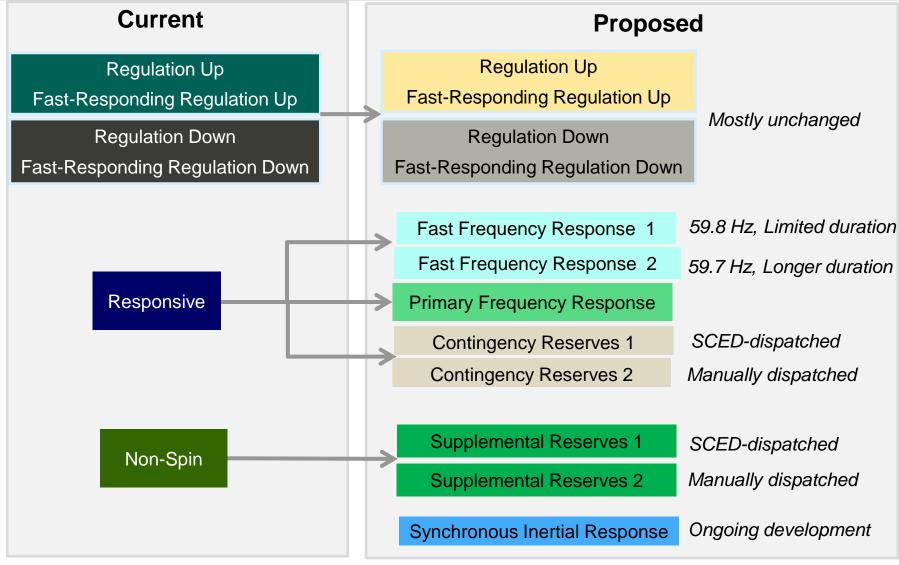


### **Next Steps**

- Two FAST-TAC meetings to review Draft NPRR: July and August
- 2. Comments on Draft NPRR expected September 15, 2014
- 3. Revise the Draft NPRR and submit the numbered NPRR October 15, 2014
- 4. Cost-Benefit Analysis is expected to be provided within a few weeks after the NPRR is submitted
- FAST will continue to work on how to address pay for performance and Inertia Service



### **Proposed Transition to Future Ancillary Services**





### **Potential Benefits With New AS Framework**

- The unbundling of the AS services will remove certain barriers (technology neutral), and allow more suppliers to provide the required Ancillary Services.
- The determination of the required amounts of AS on a more granular level improves overall efficiency in procurement while meeting technical needs.
- More clarity on the performance expected from the Resources providing AS will drive the better performers into the market.

### **Questions?**