**Distributed Resource Energy and Ancillaries Market Task Force (DREAM TF)**

**Scope**

**Purpose:**

The primary mission of the DREAM TF is to provide a forum for stakeholders and ERCOT Staff to develop market rules related to Distribute Energy Resources (DERs). ERCOT Staff will publish a concept paper prior to the first formal meeting of the DREAM TF.

**Scope:**

The DREAM TF will consider and recommend a potential market framework that allows DERs an opportunity to more fully participate in the ERCOT Wholesale Market including, but not limited to, participation in SCED and the Ancillary Services Market. The DREAM TF’s responsibilities are to:

* Provide a summary report on the findings of a comprehensive review of the background and framework under which the current statutes, rules, protocols and guides related to distributed generation were developed.
* Recommend potential opportunities for further investigation or development of language that would create a more comprehensive base framework for a distributed resource market, if applicable based on the review in the first item.
* Consider if the proposed distributed energy resources market options presented by ERCOT are appropriate under the current Distributed Generation regulatory framework, and recommend changes, if any, that would be needed to allow the DER market as proposed. An issues list should be developed that includes the numerous specific issues to be considered. These issues should include an analysis of total market and grid reliability impacts and may include the following:
  + DER definition and whether load reduction should be included
  + DER interconnections
  + DER modeling
  + DER registration
  + DER metering
  + DER market participation options
  + DER settlements
  + DER market and reliability impacts
  + DER reporting
  + DER distribution-side visibility and transparency
* Conduct a review of other market options for DER participation and determine if those meet the needs of the ERCOT market better than the options proposed by ERCOT.
* Produce a report detailing the findings from the above items emphasizing issues that need to be determined by TAC or other entities such as, but not limited to, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) or legislature before implementing any proposed market changes to allow appropriate participation of DERs. The report should also recommend whether the DREAM TF should be continued as an on-going Working Group or be discontinued.

The DREAM TF should report its progress to TAC as appropriate. Other tasks may be added to the scope of work upon approval from TAC.

**Participation:**

The DREAM TF will be led by a chair and vice chairs consisting of ERCOT stakeholders. ERCOT Staff will support the development of agendas and meeting materials.

DREAM TF will provide the opportunity for involvement and contributions from stakeholders across the spectrum, including but not limited to:

* ERCOT Market Participants
* ERCOT corporate members
* PUCT Staff and delegates
* Independent Market Monitor (IMM)
* OPUC Staff
* Consumers
* Interested parties

The DREAM TF shall meet as needed and all meetings shall be open to the public. DREAM TF participants are encouraged to be present at each meeting in order to maintain continuity in the process. DREAM TF leadership is responsible for and has the right to direct and assign tasks to DREAM TF sub-groups or individual members.

**Duration:**

The DREAM TF will continue until such time as TAC dissolves the Task Force.

**Procedural Guidelines:**

The DREAM TF is not a voting body. The DREAM TF will strive to achieve consensus on issues and will report to TAC accordingly. When consensus cannot be achieved on an issue, the issue should be fully described and options presented to the TAC for disposition.