



Item 7: TAC Report

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Summary of TAC Update

Revision Requests Recommended for Approval by TAC – Unopposed (Vote):

- NPRR641, Season Definition Change for Switchable Resources Reporting Unavailable Capacity
- NPRR702, Flexible Accounts, Payment of Invoices, and Disposition of Interest on Cash Collateral
- NPRR705, Provides Consistency for References to the End Date of the Generation Interconnection Process
- NPRR708, Clarifying ERCOT Actions During Energy Emergency Alerts
- NPRR712, Clarification of RUC Process
- NPRR715, Clarification of Generator Modeling in the Market System
- NPRR716, Corrections to Aggregated Load and Participant Specific Generation Data Requirements
- NPRR719, Removal of Trigger and Requirement to Reduce the Distributed Generation (DG) Registration Threshold
- NPRR725, Modifications to CDR PUN Capacity Forecasting and PUN Net Capacity Reporting Requirements

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- NPPR726, Daily Network Operations Model PSS/E File Posting Modification
- NPPR727, Removal of Language Related to NPPR327, State Estimator Data Redaction Methodology
- NPPR728, Removal of Language Related to NPPR484, Revisions to Congestion Revenue Rights Credit Calculations and Payments, and NPPR554, Clarification of Future Credit Exposure Calculation
- NPPR729, Clarification of Metering Requirements for Resources
- NPPR730, Elimination of the RUC Behavioral Pricing Rule
- NPPR731, Changes to Annual Reporting Requirements for RUC Decolmitment Payment Amounts
- NPPR732, Adjustments to Verifiable Costs for Required Resubmissions and Clarification of RUC Forced Outage and Cancellation Procedures
- NPPR733, Delete Expiration of Customer Load Data Protected Information Status
- NPPR735, Load Resource Controlled by High-Set Under-Frequency Relay Resource Parameters

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Revision Requests Recommended for Approval by TAC – Unopposed (Vote):

- NPRR736, Updates to the Ancillary Service Capacity Monitor Display
- NPRR737, Clarification of SASM Notifications
- PGRR045, Alignment with NPRR705, Provides Consistency for References to the End Date of the Generation Interconnection Process
- RRGRR007, Adding Solar Resource Registration Inputs
- SCR786, Retail Market Test Environment

Summary of TAC Update – Regular Agenda Items

October/November TAC Highlights

- Revisions to TAC Procedures
- Confirmation of ROS Leadership
- 2016 Ancillary Service Methodology
- 2016 CRR Activity Calendar
- Panhandle Regional Planning Group Project
- Notice of Rejected NPRR649, Addressing Issues Surrounding High Dispatch Limit (HDL) Overrides

Guide Revisions Approved by TAC

- VCMRR010, Alignment with NPRR714, Real-Time Make-Whole Payment for Exceptional Fuel Cost
- VCMRR011, Timeline for Reviewing Resources Verifiable Costs for Five Year Updates
- RMGRR133, Guidelines for Notification of Invoice Dispute

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TAC Procedures.

On 10/13/15, TAC unanimously voted to approve administrative changes to the TAC Procedures to clarify the comment and revision request submission process for working groups.

Confirmation of ROS Subcommittee Leadership.

On 10/13/15, TAC unanimously voted to confirm Reliability and Operations Subcommittee (ROS) leadership as follows:

Chair: Alan Bern, Oncor Electric Delivery
Vice Chair: Mark Soutter, Invenergy

2016 Ancillary Services Methodology.

On 10/13/15, TAC voted to endorse the 2016 Ancillary Service Methodology as proposed by ERCOT. There were two objections from the Cooperative (STEC) and IOU (Luminant) Market Segments, and two abstentions from the Cooperative (LCRA) and Municipal (Garland) Market Segments.

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CRR Activity Calendar.

On 11/19/15, TAC unanimously voted to approve updates to the CRR Activity Calendar as drafted by ERCOT

- The calendar updates include CRR activity through 2017 and minor aesthetic changes
- Dates for 2017 follow the pattern as required by Protocol and observed during previous years

Panhandle Regional Planning Group Project.

On 11/19/15, TAC voted to endorse the Panhandle Regional Planning Group Project as presented by ERCOT, and to stipulate that the synchronous condensers contemplated in the ERCOT recommendation cannot be used to offer into any competitive market services. There were four abstentions from the Cooperative (LCRA), Municipal (Denton) and Independent Generator (2) (Calpine, NRG) Market Segments.

Notice of Rejected NPRR649, Addressing Issues Surrounding High Dispatch Limit (HDL) Overrides.

On 11/19/15, TAC voted via roll call ballot on a motion to recommend approval NPRR649 as recommended by PRS in the 11/12/15 PRS Report and as revised by TAC. The motion failed with 12 opposing votes from the Consumer (6) (OPUC, Residential, City of Lewisville, City of Eastland, CMC Steel Texas, Air Liquide), Cooperative (3) (Brazos, Rayburn, LCRA), and Independent Retail Electric Provider (IREP) (3) (Source Power and Gas, Just Energy, Noble Americas) Market Segments and 3 abstentions from the IREP (Direct Energy) and IOU (2) (CenterPoint, TNMP) Market Segments. As no other motion was made, NPRR649 was deemed rejected by TAC pursuant to Protocol Section 21.4.8, Technical Advisory Committee Vote.

Notice of Guide Revisions Approved by TAC

- **VCMRR010, Alignment with NPRR714, Real-Time Make-Whole Payment for Exceptional Fuel Cost.** This Verifiable Cost Manual Revision Request (VCMRR) aligns the Verifiable Cost Manual with the provisions proposed by NPRR714, Real-Time Make-Whole Payment for Exceptional Fuel Cost, which restores the process for Real-Time Make-Whole Payments and Charges to address exceptional fuel cost events.
- **VCMRR011, Timeline for Reviewing Resources Verifiable Costs for Five Year Updates.** This VCMRR changes the verification timeline in regards to the Resources which are required to resubmit their Verifiable Costs per paragraph (10) of Protocol Section 5.6.1, Verifiable Costs.
- **RMGRR131, Guidelines for Notification of Invoice Dispute.** This Retail Market Guide Revision Request (RMGRR) aligns the Retail Market Guide with current market practices.