Electric Reliability Council of Texas

**WHOLESALE MARKET SUBCOMMITTEE**

**PROCEDURES**

**Approved**

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**Wholesale Market Subcommittee**

**Subcommittee Structure**

The structure of the subcommittee is included in Section V. of the TAC Procedures.

**Scope**

The Wholesale Market Subcommittee (WMS), reporting to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), evaluates, and reviews issues related to the operation of the wholesale market in the ERCOT Region and make recommendations for improvement, when deemed appropriate, to TAC. The WMS will be responsible for monitoring Public Utility Commission (PUCT) rulings as they apply to Wholesale Markets and Wholesale Market Participants and ensure that PUCT requirements are reflected in the ERCOT Operation Guides and Protocols. The guiding principle behind the work of the WMS is to help ensure an efficient and nondiscriminatory wholesale market for all market participants.

The functions of this subcommittee include, but are not limited to:

* providing input into initial methodology of Competitive Constraints study and input into final recommendations regarding Competitive Constraints Is this an ongoing study?
* providing policy input into changes to ancillary services provisions of the Protocols I believe this is complete
* providing policy input into evaluations of resource adequacy in the ERCOT Region
* involvement in the settlement rules review and compliance process at the QSE level
* review of UFE analysis performed by ERCOT staff Again, is this a yearly analysis that WMS looks at?
* review and comment on settlement metering standards and guides
* review of profiling issues related to the wholesale market
* addressing issues related to transmission and distribution losses
* monitoring of A/S market operation and Competitive Constraints and local congestion resolution
* review of wholesale XML system implementation and/or standards related work group activities
* providing input into Operating Guides development and revisions
* providing input into Planning Guides development and revisions
* the group should also review/monitor the dispatch process and dispatcher behavior WMS does this??

The subcommittee will also promptly prepare and submit a Protocol Revision Request for any issues identified that require a change to the ERCOT Protocols. The subcommittee shall provide liaisons to the other TAC subcommittees, which shall report back to the WMS on a regular basis. Furthermore, the subcommittee will review Protocol Revision Requests for effects on the wholesale market.

The subcommittee will report to TAC on a regular basis or as otherwise directed by TAC. The subcommittee will continually evaluate subcommittee functions to identify those that could potentially be performed by ERCOT and submit any recommended changes to TAC. The subcommittee chair will normally attend TAC meetings.

**Standing and Ad Hoc Work Groups**

In order to discharge its responsibility, the subcommittee may form standing work groups and temporary or ad hoc work groups with representation on each work group being appointed or approved by the subcommittee. The subcommittee chair, with subcommittee approval, will appoint the chair for each work group to the shorter of a one-year term on a calendar year basis or until the work group is no longer required. The subcommittee will direct these work groups and make assignments as necessary.

All subcommittee work groups are responsible to report planned activities/projects and results to the subcommittee for review and to submit any budget requirements to the subcommittee to be forwarded to the TAC for approval. All work group actions are subject to subcommittee review.

Currently the Standing Working Groups reporting to the WMS are:

Congestion Management

Demand-Side Response

Metering

QSE Managers

Resource Cost

Market Credit

Emerging Technologies

Supply Analysis

Currently the Task Forces reporting to the WMS are:

Is this still correct?