

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.

7620 Metro Center Drive, Room 206 Austin, Texas 78744 December 12, 2016

Pursuant to notice duly given and after determination that a quorum was present, the meeting of the Finance & Audit (F&A) Committee of the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) convened on the above-referenced date.

Meeting Attendance:

Committee Members:

| Director | Affiliation | Segment |
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| Comstock, Read | Direct Energy | Independent Retail Electric Provider |
| Crowell, Craven | Unaffiliated | Unaffiliated Director |
| Fehrenbach, Nick | City of Dallas | Consumer - Commercial |
| Gresham, Kevin | E.ON Climate and Renewables NA | Independent Generator |
| Karnei, Clifton (Vice Chairman) | Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. | Cooperative |
| Walsh, Judy | Unaffiliated | Unaffiliated Director |

Guest Board Members and Segment Alternates:

| Director/ Segment Alternate | Affiliation | Segment |
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| Jones, Randy | Calpine Corporation | Independent Generator Segment Alternate |
| Kezar, Mike | South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. | Cooperative Segment Alternate |
| Werner, John | Source Power & Gas LLC | Independent Retail Electric Provider Segment Alternate |

Officers and Guests:

| Atherton, Allison | ERCOT Business Process Controls and Risk Manager |
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| Levine, Jonathan | ERCOT Corporate Counsel |
| Magness, Bill | ERCOT President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) |
| Meek, Donald | Austin Energy, Credit Work Group (CWG) Chair |
| Petterson, Michael | ERCOT Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |
| Ruane, Mark | ERCOT Director of Settlements Retail and Credit |
| Rychetsky, Penny | ERCOT Director of Internal Audit |



| Seely, Chad | ERCOT Vice President and General Counsel and Corporate Secretary |
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| Taylor, Grayson | Manager, Schellman & Co., LLC |
| Taylor, Sean | ERCOT Controller |
| Wiley, Leslie | ERCOT Treasurer |

<u>Call General Session to Order, Announce Proxies and Segment Alternates (Agenda Item 1)</u>

Clifton Karnei, F&A Committee Vice Chairman, determined that a quorum was present and called the General Session of the F&A Committee meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Karnei announced that there were no proxies and addressed the following Agenda Items in the order below.

October 10, 2016 General Session Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item 2)

Vice Chairman Karnei entertained a motion to approve the October 10, 2016 General Session Meeting Minutes (Minutes).

Craven Crowell moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Read Comstock seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Results of Examination and Independence Report from the Service Organization Control (SSAE 16) Auditor (Agenda Item 3)

Vice Chairman Karnei invited Grayson Taylor of Schellman & Co., LLC to present the results of ERCOT's Service Organization Control (SSAE 16) Audit. Mr. G. Taylor reported that the result of the audit was an unqualified opinion and that there were no testing exceptions or deviations identified for the controls that were tested. Mr. G. Taylor responded to questions and comments from Committee members.

Recommendation Regarding Acceptance of 2016 Service Organization Control (SSAE 16) Audit Report (Agenda Item 4)

Allison Atherton presented the Recommendation Regarding Acceptance of 2016 Service Organization Control (SSAE 16) Audit Report. There were no questions or comments from Committee members.

Judy Walsh moved to recommend that the Board accept the 2016 Service Organization Control (SSAE 16) Audit Report as presented. Kevin Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Periodic Report on Credit Work Group Activity (Agenda Item 5)

Donald Meek, CWG Chair, presented the Periodic Report on Credit Work Group Activity. Mr. Meek and Mark Ruane responded to questions and comments from Committee members.



Recommendation Regarding Modifications to Guarantee Agreement, Letter of Credit and Surety Bond Standard Forms (Agenda Item 6)

Mr. Ruane presented the Recommendation Regarding Modifications to Guarantee Agreement, Letter of Credit and Surely Bond Standard Forms. Mr. Ruane and Chad Seely responded to questions and comments from Committee members.

Nick Fehrenbach moved to recommend Board approval of the proposed modifications to the standard forms of Guarantee Agreement, Letter of Credit and Surety Bond, as presented. Mr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Annual Committee Self-Evaluation Survey Results (Agenda Item 7)

Vice Chairman Karnei thanked Committee members for their participation in the Annual Committee Self-Evaluation Survey and led a discussion on the results.

Committee Briefs (Agenda Item 8)

Vice Chairman Karnei invited Sean Taylor and Leslie Wiley to present the Committee Briefs.

Review 2016 Financial Summary (Agenda Item 8.1)

Mr. S. Taylor presented the 2016 Financial Summary. There were no questions or comments from Committee members.

Periodic Report on Investments (Agenda Item 8.2)

Ms. Wiley presented the Periodic Report on Investments. There were no questions or comments from Committee members.

Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 9)

Michael Petterson presented the Future Agenda Items and responded to questions and comments from Committee members.

Other Business (Agenda Item 10)

No other business was discussed at this time.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Karnei recessed General Session at approximately 1:51 p.m. and convened Executive Session at approximately 2:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Karnei reconvened General Session at approximately 3:20 p.m.

Vote on Matters from Executive Session (Agenda Item 11)

Mr. Gresham moved to recommend Board selection of the company discussed during Executive Session under Agenda Item ES 3.2 as ERCOT's Independent Service Organization Control (SSAE 16) Auditor for 2017. Mr. Comstock seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.



Mr. Fehrenbach moved to approve the Internal Audit matter discussed during Executive Session under Agenda Item ES 4.2. Mr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.

Adjournment (Agenda Item 12)

Vice Chairman Karnei adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:21 p.m.

Committee materials and presentations from the meeting are available on ERCOT's website at http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/finance audit/

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Corporate Counsel