

The Human Resources and Governance (HR&G) Committee is expected to consider HR&G Committee Agenda Item 8:

***Recommendation regarding
2018 Board Meeting and
Annual Meeting Schedule***

at its meeting on August 7, 2017.

The Board of Directors is expected to hear this matter as part of the HR&G Committee Report at the Board meeting on August 8, 2017.

Attached are the Board materials in relation to these agenda items.



Date: August 1, 2017
To: Board of Directors
From: Craven Crowell, ERCOT Board Chairman
Subject: 2018 ERCOT Board Meeting and Annual Meeting Schedule

Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors

ERCOT Board of Directors Meeting Date: August 8, 2017

Item No.: 9.2

Issue:

The ERCOT Board of Directors (Board) must set the dates and locations for the 2018 regular meetings of the ERCOT Board and the date for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members.

Background/History:

Pursuant to Section 4.6(a) of the ERCOT Amended and Restated Bylaws (Bylaws), the ERCOT “Board shall meet at least quarterly, with at least one meeting occurring in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Members.” The ERCOT Board must set the time and place of the ERCOT Board meetings. Section 1.1 of the ERCOT Board Policies and Procedures provides that “Board meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month when the Board is scheduled to meet, but may be moved by agreement of the Board, provided that the Board shall meet at least quarterly consistent with the Bylaws.”

The ERCOT Board would meet at ERCOT’s Austin office (currently, the Met Center at 7620 Metro Center Drive in Austin, Texas) at approximately 9:00 a.m. (Central prevailing time) as noted below:

- February 20, 2018
- April 10, 2018
- June 12, 2018
- August 7, 2018
- October 9, 2018; and
- December 11, 2018.

The ERCOT Board should set the date of the 2018 Annual Meeting of ERCOT Members to be called on the same date as the December 2018 ERCOT Board meeting as required by Section 4.6(a) of the Bylaws.

Please note that this schedule would allow for Board meetings on even-numbered months. Committee meetings are expected to be held on the day prior to the Board meetings. If the dates, locations or times of the scheduled meetings change, ERCOT will provide ample notice prior to the dates of affected meetings.



The June 13, 2017 Board presentation on the 2018 ERCOT Board Meeting and Annual Meeting Schedule is attached for additional background information and reference.

Key Factors Influencing Issue:

ERCOT Bylaws Section 4.6(b) and Public Utility Regulatory Act Section 39.1511 require the ERCOT Board to set and provide public notice of the dates and locations of its meetings at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

At its August 8, 2017 meeting, the ERCOT Board should vote to schedule its regular meetings and the Annual Meeting of Members in the 2018 calendar year, preferably as proposed.



ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the alternatives, the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) deems it desirable and in the best interest of ERCOT to set the dates and locations of its 2018 meetings, pursuant to ERCOT's Amended and Restated Bylaws Section 4.6(a) and Section 1.1 of the ERCOT Board Policies and Procedures.

THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, that the ERCOT Board hereby approves that the 2018 Meetings of the ERCOT Board will be held at ERCOT's Austin office (currently, the Met Center at 7620 Metro Center Drive in Austin, Texas) at approximately 9:00 a.m. (Central prevailing time) as noted below:

- February 20, 2018
- April 10, 2018
- June 12, 2018
- August 7, 2018
- October 9, 2018; and
- December 11, 2018.

THEREFORE be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members will be called on the same date as the December 2018 ERCOT Board meeting.

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Vickie G. Leady, Assistant Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its August 8, 2017 meeting, the ERCOT Board passed a motion approving the above Resolution by _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of August 2017.

Vickie G. Leady
Assistant Corporate Secretary



**Item 13.1:
2018 ERCOT Board Meeting and
Annual Meeting Schedule**

Craven Crowell
ERCOT Board Chairman

Board of Directors Meeting

ERCOT Public
June 13, 2017

Summary

- Since 2014, regular Board meetings have been scheduled for six times per year during even-numbered months, typically on the second Tuesday of the meeting month.
 - Held the day after Committee meetings
 - One meeting held on same day as the Annual Meeting of Members
- It would be preferable for the Board to vote on the 2018 Board meeting schedule at the August 8, 2017 Board meeting to allow appropriate planning time for the Board, ERCOT staff and stakeholders.

Review of 2017 Meeting Schedule

- The 2017 Board meeting schedule appears to be working well for the Board and ERCOT staff.
- The Board has been able to complete its work with this meeting schedule.
- In preparation for the development of the 2018 Board meeting schedule, ERCOT management recommends continuing the even-numbered month schedule.

ERCOT Management Recommendation

- ERCOT management has advised that meetings on even-numbered months worked well
 - The odd-numbered month schedule in 2013 created some internal issues with regard to preparation of meeting materials due to holidays, such as, New Year's Day, Spring Break, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.
 - An April meeting is needed for the approval of the financial statement audit (to save costs) and for debt covenant compliance, which requires audited financial statements by the end of April.
 - An October meeting allows for consideration and approval of certain items that require year-end approval with sufficient planning time before the end of the year.

Proposed 2018 Board / Committee Meeting Schedule

- For 2018, a schedule for a total of six meetings on the second Tuesday of these months (except February and August) as follows:

Meeting Month	Proposed 2018 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule	
	Committee Meetings	Board Meetings
February	Mon, February 19	Tues, February 20
April	Mon, April 9	Tues, April 10
June	Mon, June 11	Tues, June 12
August	Mon, August 6	Tues, August 7
October	Mon, October 8 Columbus Day	Tues, October 9
December	Mon, December 10 Last Day of Hanukkah	Tues, December 11 (Annual Meeting)

Proposed February and August 2017 Meeting Dates

- There are two occurrences in the proposed meeting schedule which would not fall on the second Tuesday of an even-numbered month – February and August 2018
 - February 12 and 13 coincide with the NARUC Conference
 - August 13 and 14 create a travel conflict for the MRC Meetings
- Stakeholder meetings can be adjusted to accommodate both proposed changes, that is, the third Tuesday in February 2018 and the first Tuesday in August 2018
- The proposed October 8 and December 10, 2018 meetings coincide with Columbus Day and the last day of Hanukkah

Proposed 2018 Annual Meeting Date

- For the Annual Meeting of Members, ERCOT's Bylaws require that:
 - Members shall meet at least annually on a date and at a place to be established by the Board (that is, the Annual Meeting).
 - The Board shall meet at least quarterly, with at least one meeting occurring in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.
- When the Board votes to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting, it should be held on the same day as the December 2018 Board meeting, that is, on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, as currently proposed.

Board Vote at Next Meeting

A vote by the Board for the 2018 Board meeting schedule and 2018 Annual Meeting is expected to be requested at the August 2017 Board meeting.