# ERCOT Outage Coordination Working Group (OCWG)

### Scope

Membership

Membership of the OCWG includes, but is not limited to, representatives from Transmission and/or Distribution Service Providers (TDSPs), Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs), Resource Entities, Congestion Revenue Right (CRR) Account Holders, and ERCOT. The OCWG reports to the Reliability and Operations Subcommittee (ROS) on a regular basis. Meetings of the OCWG shall be open to all interested parties.

Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice-Chair positions shall be nominated by the OCWG for approval by ROS to a term not to exceed 12 months, on a one year rolling basis. The Vice-Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair.

Meetings

The OCWG shall meet as often as necessary to perform its duties and functions.

All OCWG meetings shall be called by the Chair and/or Vice-Chair and all such meeting notices shall be sent to the OCWG email listserve and posted to the ERCOT website at least one week prior to the meeting. The OCWG Chair will provide periodic updates to ROS and WMS on the working group’s activities.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings and is responsible for preparation of agendas for such meetings which will be posted to the ERCOT website in advance of the meeting. In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the group shall select another OCWG member to preside at the meeting. The Chair, or the presiding member, shall be guided by input from the membership in the conduct of the meetings.

Responsibility & Scope

The primary responsibility of the OCWG is to develop, on an annual basis, a list of High Impact Transmission Elements (“HITEs”) as discussed in ERCOT’s HITE methodology document. The Working Group’s functions can be described as follows:

* Review ERCOT’s annually-prepared seed list of outages likely to result in high congestion costs that they will receive specific categorization and treatment by ERCOT;
* Finalize this list through a stakeholder input and review process to account for upgrades and other system changes that would affect the predictive value of the list;
* Periodically review the ERCOT HITE methodology document for any necessary updates or changes;
* Other duties as assigned by the ROS.

Once OCWG’s annual review process has been completed, endorsement of the resulting HITE list will be sought from ROS and WMS. Final approval of the HITE list will be obtained from TAC. If consensus was not achieved by OCWG during the annual list preparation and review process, the OCWG Chair will present non-consensus items to ROS, WMS and potentially to TAC for a decision during the annual endorsement and approval process. The ERCOT HITE methodology document more fully describes this process.