

Item 5.6: Policy on Independent Auditor Selection

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Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

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Independent Auditor Selection

Finance & Audit Committee Charter Requirement

• The Committee shall establish the Company's policies relating to the solicitation and engagement for independent audit services.

Policies

- <u>Audit Firm Rotation</u>: Select audit firms based on competitive solicitation rather than establish a mandatory audit firm rotation cycle.
- <u>Competitive Solicitation</u>: Solicit audit services at least every six years.
 - The RFP for independent audit services commencing with the 2015 Financial Statement Audit was issued January 2015.
 - Baker Tilly was selected as ERCOT's independent auditor and has been approved through the 2019 Financial Statement Audit, subject to annual Board approval.
- <u>Engagement Partner Rotation</u>: Require engagement partner rotation after no more than five years.
 - Aaron Worthman became the engagement partner beginning with the 2015 Financial Statement Audit.

