**Transmission Outage Scheduling Restrictions for Summer 2018**

**In Lieu of Complete Restriction of Planned Outages**

Applicability:

1. The restrictions described in this document:
	1. Are in addition to normal outage coordination guidelines;
	2. Apply to Outages that are to be in effect from June 2 through September 15, 2018 (the Summer Restriction Window); and,
	3. For Outages that begin before June 2 or extend after September 15, 2018, the restrictions apply to the duration of the Outage that extends into the Summer Restriction Window.
2. The restrictions apply to Planned Transmission Outages.
	1. ERCOT may request additional explanation for Forced, Maintenance or extensions of Outages.

General Restrictions:

1. Outages must have a restoration time of 4 hours or less.
2. Outages must be complete by Hour Ending (HE) 1300.
3. No bus outages will be allowed on 345kV and 138kV equipment.

Exceptions:

1. Some exceptions to the General Restrictions listed above MAY BE allowed, on a case by case basis, in situations that are demonstrated to meet one or more of these Exception Criteria:
	1. the Outage will not impact generation dispatch to restrict generation;
	2. the Outage itself would reduce congestion; or,
	3. the reliability need for the Outage exceeds the potential risk that the outage will restrict generation.
2. Unless otherwise noted, in order for an Outage to be considered under the Potential Exceptions listed below, the TSP requesting the Outage should provide, at the time the Outage is submitted, the information necessary for ERCOT to consider the applicability of the Potential Exception.
3. Potential Exceptions (if Outage is demonstrated to meet Exception Criteria):
	1. Bus outages that do not alter system topology.
		* TSPs are required to ensure proper interim contingency definitions are included in the Network Operations Model prior to the Outage occurring so that ERCOT systems can properly assess system conditions during the bus Outage.
	2. Outages on radial transmission.
	3. Outages on local load-serving networks that are essentially radial in nature.
	4. Outages on 138kV and 69kV equipment on non-Business Days if they meet the Exception Criteria.
	5. Daily full-day outages in the CREZ area under low wind conditions.
	6. Outages which pose a greater transmission system reliability risk through the summer if NOT completed.