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| NPRR Number | [969](http://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR969) | NPRR Title | | **Clean-up of Protocol 19.8, Retail Market Testing** |
| Date of Decision | | December 10, 2019 | | |
| Action | | Approved | | |
| Timeline | | Normal | | |
| Effective Date | | January 1, 2020 | | |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | | Not applicable | | |
| Nodal Protocol Sections Requiring Revision | | 19.8, Retail Market Testing | | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | Texas Market Test Plan | | |
| Revision Description | | This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) clarifies language regarding ERCOT’s role in qualifying Market Participants. | | |
| Reason for Revision | | Addresses current operational issues.  Meets Strategic goals (tied to the [ERCOT Strategic Plan](http://www.ercot.com/content/news/presentations/2013/ERCOT%20Strat%20Plan%20FINAL%20112213.pdf) or directed by the ERCOT Board).  Market efficiencies or enhancements  Administrative  Regulatory requirements  Other: (explain)  *(please select all that apply)* | | |
| Business Case | | This NPRR will help avoid confusion about ERCOT’s role in the retail market certification process. | | |
| Credit Work Group Review | | ERCOT Credit Staff and the Credit Work Group (Credit WG) have reviewed NPRR969 and do not believe that it requires changes to credit monitoring activity or the calculation of liability. | | |
| PRS Decision | | On 9/12/19, PRS voted unanimously to recommend approval of NPRR969 as submitted. All Market Segments were present for the vote.  On 10/10/19, PRS voted unanimously to endorse and forward to TAC the 9/12/19 PRS Report as amended by the 9/23/19 AEP Texas comments and the Impact Analysis for NPRR969. All Market Segments were present for the vote. | | |
| Summary of PRS Discussion | | On 9/12/19, there was no discussion.  On 10/10/19, there was no discussion. | | |
| TAC Decision | | On 10/23/19, TAC voted unanimously to recommend approval of NPRR969 as recommended by PRS in the 10/10/19 PRS Report. All Market Segments were present for the vote. | | |
| Summary of TAC Discussion | | On 10/23/19, there was no discussion. | | |
| ERCOT Opinion | | ERCOT supports approval of NPRR969. | | |
| Board Decision | | On 12/10/19, the ERCOT Board approved NPRR969 as recommended by TAC in the 10/23/19 TAC Report. | | |
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| Market Segment | | | Not applicable | |

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| Comments Received | |
| Comment Author | Comment Summary |
| AEP Texas 092319 | Proposed clarification that as the flight administrator, ERCOT is the final authority on all levels of retail business process qualification related to retail market flight testing for Market Participants and trading partners |

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| Market Rules Notes |

None

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| Proposed Protocol Language Revision |

19.8 Retail Market Testing

(1) The Texas Standard Electronic Transaction (TX SET) Working Group works with the ERCOT flight administrator to develop and maintain a test plan and related testing standards for all retail transactional changes within the ERCOT market. Testing of these changes is scheduled to allow ERCOT and all Market Participants adequate time to modify their systems and participate in the testing process. Testing processes, procedures, schedules and success criteria are defined in the Texas Market Test Plan (TMTP) Guide and on the ERCOT website. The ERCOT flight administrator is the final authority on all levels of retail business process qualification among trading partners.

(2) ERCOT may enlist the services of an Independent Third Party Testing Administrator (ITPTA) for this testing process.