

Market Data Transparency

Terms of Use

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# Terms of Use

ERCOT publishes public, secure, and certified market information on its websites at regular intervals. These reports can be accessed by Market Participants using an Application Programmatic Interface (API), External Web Services (EWS), ERCOT.com and the Market Information System (MIS). Protocols require that ERCOT ensure all Market Participants have access to the ERCOT MIS on a nondiscriminatory basis (Section 12).

ERCOT policy requires that query or scan rates not exceed three times the frequency an extract or report is generated. The [ERCOT Market Information List (EMIL)](http://mis.ercot.com/emil?page=1) shows how often each extract or report is generated and posted by ERCOT. Users can find this information under the “Generation Frequency” area of the [EMIL](http://mis.ercot.com/emil/?page=1).

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| *EMIL ID* | *Report**Type ID* | *Product Name* | *Generating Frequency* |
| NP6-905-CD | 12301 | Settlement Point Prices at Resource Nodes, Hubs and Load Zones | Chron - 15 Minutes |

 **Example: Query rate for NP6-905-CD should not exceed once every 5 minutes or a maximum of 3 times in 15 minutes.**

# Violations to This Policy

This policy applies to both:

* Automated screen scraping programs that access the ERCOT URL(s) listed in the table
* Programs that use an API to query and download report data via the API or EWS

The objectives of this policy are to:

* Prevent overloading of ERCOT computing resources that may occur due to excessive queries
* Ensure optimal transactional request/response performance to all Market Participants

**Note:** *Query submission at a faster rate will not provide additional benefits to the Market Participant.*

In case of violations to this policy, ERCOT reserves the right to block an offending IP address, or a group of IP addresses, at the Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI) level. Further, ERCOT reserves the right to block IP addresses at the domain level, with the effect that offending systems will not be able to access any ERCOT web pages or services. The entity will be unblocked once the adjusted queries are in line with this policy.

For questions or clarifications related to this policy, Market Participants may:

* Call their Account Manager directly
* Call Client Services at (512) 248-3900
* Send an email to ClientServices@ercot.com

For questions or clarifications related to technical issues, Market Participants may:

* Call the ERCOT HelpDesk at (512) 248-6800 or 1-866-870-8124
* Send an email to HelpDesk@ercot.com