# **ERCOT GTC Updates**



**Transmission Operations Planning** 

ROS Meeting 6/3/2021

#### **Recent GTC Update Summary**

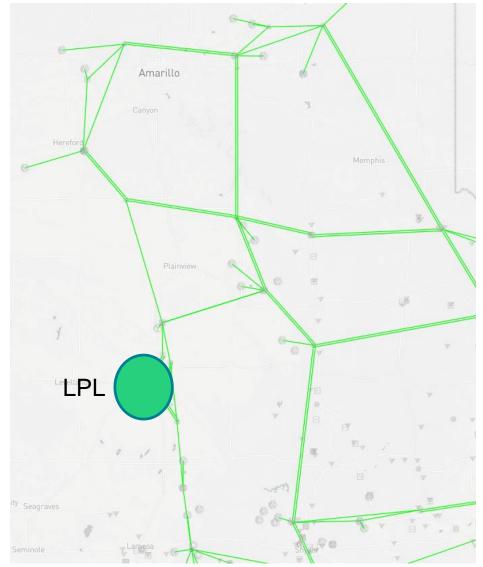
- GTC Update (2021 Q2 QSA follow-up)\*
  - McCamey (Revised on 5/6/2021)
    - No stability constraints were identified under no prior outage condition (GTL = 9999)
    - GTLs were updated under prior outage conditions
  - A new WILBRN Import GTC (Implemented on 5/6/2021)
    - Import GTC
    - No stability constraints were identified under no prior outage condition (GTL = 9999)
    - Only applied to the identified prior outage conditions
  - Panhandle GTC was updated to include for post Lubbock Integration (Revised on 5/17/2021)

\* https://mis.ercot.com/secure/data-products/grid/transmission?id=NP3-770-M

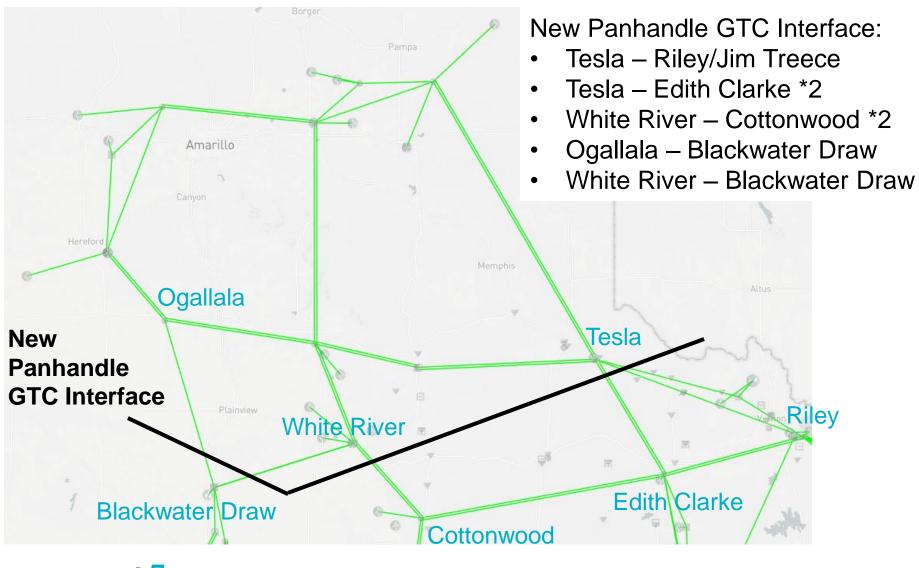


# **LPL Integration**

- The new 345 kV lines associated with LPL Integration (Blackwater – Double Mountain – Fiddlewood – Farmland) energized on 5/17/2021
- These 345kV lines have a significant impact on Panhandle GTC/GTL



#### **New Panhandle GTC Interface**



ercot http://www.ercot.com/content/wcm/lists/197392/2020\_PanhandleStudy\_public\_final\_004\_.pdf

### The Panhandle GTC Update

- WSCR has been retired
- VSAT is still applied in real-time using the actual operating condition
- Dynamic voltage limit has been updated using the off-line dynamic simulation
- The minimum of VSAT limit and Dynamic voltage limit will be used when determining limits in real time
- No stability constraints identified under no prior outage condition (GTL = 9999)



#### **Future South/Valley GTC Update**

- South Texas study in Q3 2021 QSA study
  - Southern area behind the 345 kV lines\*:
    - Pawnee Calavers
    - Sanmiguel ElmCreek (DCKT)
    - Whitepoint STP
  - Total renewables: 8.3 GW
  - 3 new generation projects (total 424MW) in the study area will be synchronized in Q3 2021

\* <u>These lines are only for the purpose of creating the QSA study area boundary. They</u> <u>are not related to any GTC interface.</u>



## **Future South/Valley GTC Update**

- Q3 QSA study indicates:
  - Lower dispatch limits for Valley area (including Ajo/Lobo/Valley Export), compared to previous QSA studies
  - Identified potential stability issues related to Nelson Sharpe Grissom – Goddard area
  - Stability issues: unacceptable voltage recovery and oscillatory response
- ERCOT is working on the South/Valley GTC study
  - ERCOT may establish GTCs and GTLs, based on further analysis, that are different from those identified in this QSA
  - QSA results should not be interpreted as the final GTLs for any specific GTC
  - QSA is not meant to identify interface definitions for any specific GTC

