**PWG Meeting Notes** – Mar 10, 2021

Via WebEx 9:30 AM

Attendees:

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| Sam Pak – Oncor | Bill Boswell - ERCOT | Jim Lee – AEP |
| Sheri Wiegand – TXU | Dean Mckibbon - Reliant | Diana Rios - ERCOT |
| Kathy Scott – CNP | Randy Roberts - ERCOT | Angela Ghormley –Calpine Energy |
| Kim Rainwater - LCRA | Stephen Wilson - TXU | Diana Rehfeldt - TNMP |
| Bill Barnes - NRG | Amar Khalifeh - ERCOT | Andrea Couch - TNMP |
| Keanen Ryan - ERCOT | Tom Burke – Inev Energy | Deon Daughtery – Energy Intelligence |
| Allison Weaver - Constellation | Jennifer Burton - Constellation | Matthew Waronicki |
| Lauren Damen - NRG | Melissa Trevins - Occidental | Calvin Opheim - ERCOT |
| Bobby Roberts - TNMP | Hernan Zerrita - NextEra | John Schatz - Vistra |
| Cheryl Jones | Brittney Albracht - ERCOT | J.C. |

* Sam Pak reviewed Feb 10th meeting notes for approval; Sam will add notes referring to Clayton Stice’s (ERCOT) comments regarding proposed changes and modifications to the DG Template Spreadsheet for Unregistered DG. Specifically, that ERCOT and TDSPs will be working together outside of the PWG forum at this time and, if deemed necessary, ERCOT will return to present potential changes and/or to discuss a need for a LPGRR(s).
* **Discuss Market Notice (M-A030821-01) Adjustment to NIDR Backcasted Load Profiles for Operating Days February 15, 2021 through February 18, 2021**

Market Description stated as follows:

*“For Settlement purposes, ERCOT utilizes backcasted Load Profiles to convert monthly kWh meter readings from Non-Interval Data Recorder (NIDR) premises into 15-minute intervals.  ERCOT is aware that there were many NIDR premises that experienced power outages during the period of February 15, 2021 through February 18, 2021.  ERCOT is issuing this Notice to inform Market Participants that ERCOT adjusted the backcasted Load Profiles for those Operating Days (ODs) to account for the outages.*

*More specifically, the backcasted Load Profiles for ODs February 15, 2021, through February 17, 2021, were adjusted to 20% of the original value, and the backcasted Load Profiles for OD February 18, 2021, were adjusted to 50% of the original value.  This adjustment was applied to backcasted Load Profiles for both metered Load premises and Non-Metered Load premises.  Non-Metered Load premises consist of profile type codes NMFLAT and NMLIGHT.  Of note, in the past ERCOT has made similar adjustments to COAST backcasted Load Profiles when it was necessary to account for widespread, hurricane-related outages.”*

* + ERCOT provided background and context for the discretionary adjustments.
  + There appeared to be support among PWG participants for the adjustments as described in the Market Notice
  + It was suggested that PWG in concert with ERCOT that this matter of discretionary adjustments in the event of hurricane/extreme weather events potentially be memorialized or documented for future events.
* **Next Steps for LPGRR068, Add BUSLRG and BUSLRGDG Profile Types**
  + **High Level Stakeholder Process:**
    - **RMS – vote on language – APR**
    - **RMS – vote on IA – MAY**
    - **TAC – vote – MAY**
    - **Board – vote - June**
  + **Potential Smart Meter Texas (SMT) impacts**
    - New load profiles could cause validations errors or rejects of LSE files
    - Initial thoughts is can add profile codes w/ adjustments on reporting
    - Testing would require a two-week lead time before the first LSE file with the new profile is sent
    - JDOA is thinking the above is an administrative change as an alphanumeric field as opposed to a major change in which the lengthy process is outlined in Project #47472
    - [Action Item] JDOA will provide feedback on potential issues
  + **Timing for Implementation of LPGRR068**
    - 150 days from ERCOT board approval per Protocols
    - OR earliest readiness of TDSP, REP, SMT, or ERCOT dates
      * It was suggested that ERCOT add comments or desktop edits to the LPGRR for implementation to occur no earlier than February 1, 2022
    - Tentative market implementation Q1 in 2022
  + **Transition Plan**
    - Reviewed a draft TDSP response table (Matrix) on Current Status, Transition Plan, and Access to Interval Data for IDR daily settlement
    - TDSPs suggested that the TDSP Matrix response table created from the 2020 IDR/AMS Workshops be used a reference guide where we can append additional questions as we move forward toward Transition Planning of LPGRR068
    - Initial TDSP responses were gathered [Action Item] Sheri will provide TDSP a revised matrix with responses as discussed, TDSPs will review and modify as needed
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* To help prepare the market for the transition and changes associate with LPGRR068, it was suggested setting up a Fall AMS/IDR Workshop
* **ANNUAL VALIDATION: Bill Boswell indicated the Annual Validation lists will be sent to the TDSPs at the end of the month (March)**
* **ERCOT RESETTLEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

Randy Roberts announced **ERCOT is considering resettling operating days (OD)  February 11th – 19th** .  ERCOT noted they had ~95% of interval data from first resettlement (the outstanding 5% resulting from TDUs inability to obtain data for additive/subtractive meters and some IDR Meters requiring a manual reading).  ERCOT’s goal is to reach this decision by the end of week.

ERCOT is considering three options:

* Resettle Feb 11th – 19th starting the process on Tuesday (3/16) with focused efforts to obtain data for targeted ESIs (allowing TDUs time to obtain manual reads) for which ERCOT currently does not have data
* Waiting an additional week, starting the process on Tuesday (3/23) to resettle Feb 11th – 19th to allow more data to be received by ERCOT (normal 867 monthly reads)
  + This option would require PUC waiver of an ERCOT protocol requirement related to resettling within 20 days of final settlement (OD + 55)
* No further resettlement until final settlement (OD + 55).  Randy noted this option as his preference as an interim resettlement effort may not result in significant gains.

**RESETTLEMENT for Feb 11th -14th** will occur *outside* of the above considerations due to an error with ERCOT’s data aggregation process for distributed generation (DG).  ERCOT indicated they have all the data they needed for this resettlement and “there could be a significant impact for some market participants”.

* **Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be tenatively Mar 29th at 9:30am via Webex.