**RECTF**

**July 27th, 2021**

**WebEx only**

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| Attendee | Company | Attendee | | Company | Attendee | Company |
| Jim Lee | AEP | Eric Blakey | Just Energy | | Mariah Benson | PUCT |
| Jordan Troublefield | ERCOT | Lori Lee Barfield | Just Energy | | Chris Hendrix | Demand Control |
| Adriana Martinez | ERCOT | Marilyn Hudson | CNP | | Emily Black Huynh | EDF |
| Debbie McKeever | Oncor | Sonja Collins | CNP | | James Okenfuss | Savion |
| Chris Rowley | Oncor | Anthony Johnson | CNP | | Cynthia Morrow | Gexa |
| Sam Pak | Oncor | Alberto Lopez | CNP | | Teri Wilson Lester | ? |
| Kyle Patrick | NRG | Chris Dominguez | CNP | | Eric Goff |  |
| Norm Levine | NRG | Kathy Scott | CNP | | Brad Bell | ? |
| Angela Ghormley | Calpine | Carolyn Reed | CNP | | Malcolm Ainspan | ? |
| Scott Smith | Tenaska | Jill Bell | CNP | | Sheri Wiegand | Vistra |
| Kim Rainwater | LCRA | Deb Belin | Marketwise | | John Schatz | Vistra |
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Jim Lee opened the meeting reading the Antitrust Admonition.

Meeting minutes from June 29th were approved.

**Emergency Conditions List (ECL)**

Jim reviewed the attached ECL noting status of each item and what is to be presented to TAC. A few notables:

* #18 – *Meter Data and Estimations* –TDSP AMS Data Practices matrix and proposed addendum questions were reviewed later in the meeting
* #19 – *modification of proxy data for subset of C&I customers for initial settlement* – discussions regarding ERCOT estimation routines continue at PWG; IDR to AMS Workshop will be held October 13th
* #20 – “*Should there be modifications for Validation, Editing and Estimation of meter data? What is the extent of billing errors caused by this?”* ; see latter notes on Pre-VEE data for Settlement notes
* #126 –  *Do the TDSPs utilize other data practices during prolonged widespread outages which may deviate from normal VEE processes? (major outage events) --* addendum Q & A were reviewed later in the meeting
* #8 – *Summer/Winter Preparedness Workshops* - RECTF will begin planning of the Winter Preparedness Workshop for a November date (after RMS preferably) and review of the FAQ matrix occurred later in the meeting
* #14 – *ERCOT Listservs* – testing should be complete by EOM (July) for new platform (Listserv functionality monitored ‘on premises’ by ERCOT; ERCOT will be presenting @ TAC on 7/28
* #21 – *Increased transparency in default/acquisitions* – RMGRR165 is up for consideration @ TAC 7/28
* #22 – *Mass Transition (MT) expectations (stacking logic) of transactions* – RMS will consider RMGRR166 to approve changes to ERCOT’s responsibility in modifying post MT switches to reflect FASD and instead allow CR requested dates to prevail – aligning tariffs and current market processes

**Alignment on ERCOT’s 60 point Roadmap to Improve Grid Reliability**

Sheri reviewed the few items on the roadmap that directly or indirectly impacted the retail segment and the retail Emergency Conditions List. The following points were mentioned for awareness and noted RECTF has covered these issues directly/indirectly in the existing ECL. If any participants felt any other issues needed to be brought forward, those should be directed to RECTF leadership…

* **#28** Biannually test end-to-end grid and market communications to verify energy emergency communications status flows from the control room to the public. This helps ensure the public will immediately know if an energy emergency occurs
* **#29** Host virtual pre-summer communications meeting with PUC and market participants and distribute summer 2021 communications manual. This will help market participant communicators prepare for the hot summer months. Repeat process in advance of winter
* **#34** Identify preferred channels of communication for each of ERCOT’s audiences including government, market participants, and customers – including Spanish language communications. Re-write external communications materials to eliminate industry jargon. This will make ERCOT communications easier to understand and reach a broader audience.
* **#44** Identify and implement new processes to keep market participant communicators informed during a grid event. This will ensure timely and accurate information.
* **#45** Work with Transmission and Distribution Service Providers and customers to expand AMS meter implementation to improve timeliness of accurate meter data for settlements, credit calculations, and load management.
* **#49** Conduct a comprehensive review of ERCOT communications practices and policies, as well as an in-depth review of crisis communications performance during February 2021 event.

**TDSP AMS Data Practices Matrix**

Jim reviewed the attached edits to the TDSP AMS Data Practices Matrix that will be posted on the RMS main page. It was noted many responses remained unchanged from original matrix established in 2012, especially around estimation methodologies.

**Pre-VEE data for Settlement**

The discussion was associated with item #20 on the ECL. Eric Goff explained one of the goals of the ask is to mitigate the risk of short pay default uplift by possibly netting the DAM and RTM settlement. In doing so, ERCOT initial settlement would have to occur at Operating Day (OD)+ 2 or +3.

Understanding the IDR (BUSIDRRQ) ESIs have a large impact, the current efforts to transition IDR to AMS profiled ESIs will be helpful in that actual data will be available to ERCOT for initial settlement. Regarding AMS interval data, it was initially thought the VEE process for AMS interval data would have to be bypassed with the TDSP’s providing “raw” data to ERCOT in order for the data to arrive in time for an earlier settlement timeline.

Jim described the current ERCOT settlement process:

OD+3 – ERCOT data aggregation process starts

OD+4 – Data aggregation process concludes

OD+5 – Initial settlements occur

Kathy Scott explained the current timeline for AMS LSE interval data files: once the midnight register read is obtained (11:59:59), the date undergoes the VEE process and the LSE file is sent to both ERCOT and SMT, typically by mid-afternoon the next day (the requirement is by 11 PM, however, most files are submitted prior to 11 PM). Kathy also noted REPs want the settlement quality data for products such as pre-pay.

Sheri confirmed the importance of VEE data for REPs as many innovative products and features have been developed for customers due to the confidence in the quality of the data.

The question was asked if there was a material difference in accelerating the settlement timeline to OD+1? The following link was posted from the June 2020 ERCOT workshop regarding reducing the settlement timeline <http://www.ercot.com/calendar/2020/6/2/202929> for additional information.

The TF agreed this issue is a collaborative effort of RMS and WMS:

* RMS/PWG is currently researching the amount of IDR load that will transition to AMS, hence having actual data available for current initial settlement timelines. This information will likely be discussed at the upcoming IDR to AMS Workshop scheduled for October 13th.
* WMS/ERCOT will need to explore accelerating the settlement timeline and if DAM/RTM invoices may be combined/netted.

Eric agreed the market should complete the IDR to AMS transition first and then will be able to determine if any efficiencies can be further gained by accelerating the settlement timeline and possibly netting DAM/RTM invoices.

**Addendum Questions for Prolonged Widespread Outage**

Jim reviewed the attached TDSP responses to the revised questions for AMS Data Practices during Prolonged Widespread Outages. This document will be reviewed again at the next meeting to ensure all questions have been included before bringing to TAC and RMS.

**Weather Preparedness – Q & A – Updated Matrix**

Jim indicated RECTF would facilitate an upcoming Winter Preparedness Workshop slated possibly for November 2nd after RMS. Jim presented previous agendas and the TF confirmed the agenda was appropriate.

The TF began reviewing the existing Summer Preparedness FAQ (3/13/19) noting what revisions may be necessary. The matrix currently highlights an EEA event and it was decided to model the Q&A for an EOP event such as a hurricane/storm/tornado causing prolonged widespread outages.

**ACTION ITEM**: Participants are to review current matrix and provide any additional questions to possibly include on the document to RECTF leadership. (Jim for TDSPs, Sheri for REPs).

**Next Steps/Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for **August 24th.**

Proposed Agenda topics:

* Update on ECL items
* Finalizing TDSP AMS Data Practices matrix & Addendum for prolonged widespread outages
* Review of Summer/Winter Preparedness FAQ matrix

Meeting adjourned ~ 1:30 PM