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| NPRR Number | [1153](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1153) | NPRR Title | ERCOT Fee Schedule Changes |
| Date Posted | | October 26, 2022 | |
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| Requested Resolution | | Normal | |
| Nodal Protocol Sections Requiring Revision | | ERCOT Fee Schedule | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | None | |
| Revision Description | | This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) changes the ERCOT Fee Schedule by:  1) Adding two currently existing fees to the Fee Schedule (public information request labor fees and ERCOT training fees);  2) Creating a registration fee of $500 for Resource Entities, Transmission or Distribution Service Providers (TDSPs), and Subordinate Qualified Scheduling Entities (Sub-QSEs);  3) Removing the current value of the ERCOT System Administration Fee;  4) Deleting the map sales fee; and  5) Restructuring three existing fees on the Fee Schedule (Generator Interconnection or Modification (GIM) fees, Full Interconnection Study (FIS) Application fees, and Wide Area Network (WAN) fees). | |
| Reason for Revision | | Addresses current operational issues.  Meets Strategic goals (tied to the [ERCOT Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2018/12/13/ERCOT_Strategic_Plan_2019-2023.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 makes necessary changes to the Fee Schedule which include adding existing fees that are not currently listed on the Fee Schedule, deleting outdated fees, creating registration fees for a few Market Participant categories that currently do not pay the same registration fees charged to all other Market Participants, and restructuring certain fees to account for changes in costs or effort.  This NPRR deletes the ERCOT System Administration fee because it is governed by subsection (e) of Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) Substantive Rule 25.363, ERCOT Budget and Fees, and changes to the fee require PUCT approval as opposed to user fees which are approved through the ERCOT stakeholder process and the ERCOT Board of Directors. This NPRR also proposes changes to GIM fees and FIS Application fees to account for new categories of Resources that were not contemplated under the prior fee structure and increases in costs. Changes to the structure of the WAN fees are needed because the current structure caps the amount of charges from third-party vendors that ERCOT can recover. The WAN fee has not been changed in over a decade and third-party costs have increased over the years. | |

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| Proposed Protocol Language Revision |

**ERCOT Fee Schedule**

***Effective TBD***

The following is a schedule of ERCOT fees currently in effect. These fees are not refundable unless ERCOT Protocols provide otherwise.

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| **Description** | **Nodal Protocol Reference** | **Calculation/Rate/Comment** |
| Private Wide Area Network (WAN) fees | 9.16.2 | Actual costs of procuring, using, maintaining, and connecting to the third-party communications networks and related hardware that provide ERCOT WAN communications. The portion of costs for ERCOT’s work regarding an initial installation or reconfiguration of an existing installation will not exceed $7,000.\_The portion of the monthly network management fee for ERCOT’s work will not exceed $450 per month. |
| ERCOT Load Resource registration and Generator Interconnection or Modification fees | NA | $500 for registration of a new Load Resource.  If a Resource Entity seeks to increase the MW size of an existing Load Resource by more than 20% or change the Load Resource’s registration between non-Controllable Load Resource and Controllable Load Resource, it will incur a registration fee of $500.  The term “generator,” as used in this fee schedule relating to interconnection fees and Full Interconnection Study (FIS) Application fees, includes Generation Resources, Energy Storage Resources (ESRs), and Settlement Only Generators (SOGs) but, as reflected below, Settlement-Only Distribution Generators (SODGs) will incur a different fee amount than Transmission connected SOGs. The following fee amounts apply for the registration of a new generator:  $2,300 for SODGs;  $8,000 for generators that are less than 10MW (other than SODGs); and  $14,000 for generators that are 10MW or greater.  If a Resource Entity for an existing SODG seeks to change its registration to a Distribution Generation Resource (DGR) it will incur a registration fee of $8,000.  If a Resource Entity seeks to make a modification that is covered by paragraph (1)(c) of Planning Guide Section 5.2.1, Applicability, to an existing generator it will incur a registration fee in association with the modification request. If, at the time the modification is submitted, the cumulative MW amount of the modification and any other modifications that have been submitted for that generator within the last 12 months amount to less than 10MW, the registration fee will be $2,300. If, at the time the modification is submitted, the cumulative MW amount of the modification and any other modifications that have been submitted for that generator within the last 12 months amount to 10MW or greater, the registration fee will be $14,000. |
| Full Interconnection Study (FIS) Application fee | NA | $3,000 for an FIS Application relating to a new generator.  $2,700 for an FIS Application relating to modification of an existing generator. |
| Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) Application fee | 9.16.2 | $500 per Entity |
| Subordinate QSE (Sub-QSE) Application fee | 9.16.2 | $500 per Sub-QSE |
| Competitive Retailer (CR) Application fee | 9.16.2 | $500 per Entity |
| Congestion Revenue Right (CRR) Account Holder Application fee | 9.16.2 | $500 per Entity |
| Independent Market Information System Registered Entity (IMRE) fee | 9.16.2 | $500 per Entity |
| Resource Entity Application fee | 9.16.2 | $500 per Entity |
| Weatherization Inspection fees | NA | Resource Entities with Generation Resources or Energy Storage Resources (ESRs) and Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) shall pay fees to ERCOT for costs related to weatherization inspections conducted pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.55 as provided below.  TSPs shall pay an inspection fee of $3,000 for each of their substations or switching stations that are inspected.  Each Resource Entity with Generation Resources or ESRs shall pay an inspection fee calculated as the Quarterly Generation Resource Inspection Costs \* (Resource Entity MW Capacity/Aggregate MW Capacity). ERCOT will perform this calculation for each calendar quarter and gather the necessary MW capacity data for that quarter on one of the last 15 Business Days at the end of the quarter. Terms used in this formula are defined as follows:  Quarterly Generation Resource Inspection Costs = the sum of outside services costs, ERCOT internal costs, and overhead costs related to weatherization inspections, less inspection fees that will be invoiced to TSPs for that quarter.  Resource Entity MW Capacity = the total MW capacity associated with a Resource Entity with Generation Resources or ESRs. To calculate these amounts, ERCOT will query the Resource Integration and Ongoing Operations-Resource Services (“RIOO-RS”) for a report that lists the total MW capacity (real power rating) for all generation assets associated with each Resource Entity.  Aggregate MW Capacity = the total of all the Resource Entity MW Capacity amounts. To calculate this amount, ERCOT will query the RIOO-RS for a report that lists the total MW capacity (real power rating) for all Generation Resources and ESRs associated with all Resource Entities.  ERCOT will issue Invoices in the first month following each calendar quarter to the Resource Entities and TSPs that owe inspection fees. Payment of the fee will be due within 30 days of the Invoice date and late payments will incur 18% annual interest. Entities that fail to pay their Invoice on time will be publicly reported in a filing with the PUCT. Further payment terms and instructions will be included on the Invoice. |
| |  | | --- | | ***[NPRR1107: Delete “Weatherization Inspection fees” above on July 31, 2023.]*** | | | |
| Voluminous Copy fee | NA | $0.15 per page in excess of 50 pages |
| Actual Costs associated with Information Requests | NA | ERCOT will provide an estimate to the requestor of any vendor or third-party costs ERCOT deems appropriate to fulfill the information request. If the requestor approves the cost estimate, the requestor must pay all such costs as instructed by ERCOT before the information will be delivered to the requestor. |
| ERCOT Labor Costs for Information Requests | NA | $15 per hour of ERCOT time.  If ERCOT determines that a request will involve a substantial burden on ERCOT employee or contractor time to fulfill the request, ERCOT will provide an estimate to the requestor of the anticipated labor costs. If the requestor approves the cost estimate, the requestor must pay all such labor costs as instructed by ERCOT before the information will be delivered to the requestor. |
| ERCOT Training fees for courses that award Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) | NA | $25 per North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) CEH.  Examples of such trainings include, without limitation, the Operator Training Seminar and Black Start Training. |
| Cybersecurity Monitor fee for Non-ERCOT Utilities that participate in the Texas Cybersecurity Monitor Program | NA | The Cybersecurity Monitor fee amount varies from year to year. The current fee amount is posted on ERCOT’s website here:  <https://www.ercot.com/services/programs/tcmp> |