**ERCOT Region FAC-002-4 Qualified Change Definition**

As described in FAC-002-4 R6, ERCOT ISO, as the Planning Coordinator for the ERCOT Interconnection, is required to “maintain a publicly available definition of qualified change for the purposes of facility interconnection.” This document serves as the publicly available definition. A “qualified change” in the ERCOT region is defined as any of the following changes:

1. **Changes to existing interconnections of generation Facilities**
	1. Modifications as defined in Planning Guide Section 5.2.1(1)(c), *Applicability*
2. **Changes to existing interconnections of transmission Facilities**
	1. Modifications to existing transmission Facilities that are classified as Tier 1, 2, or 3 projects, as defined in Protocols Section 3.11.4.3, *Categorization of Proposed Transmission Projects*. (These projects will go through the RPG review process, as outlined in Protocols Section 3.11.4, *Regional Planning Group Project Review Process*.)
	2. Modifications to existing transmission facilities that are classified as Tier 4 projects, as defined in Protocols Section 3.11.4.3, *Categorization of Proposed Transmission Projects*, and that are reported in the Transmission Project and Information Tracking (TPIT) report. (These projects will go through the Transmission Interconnection Study (TIS) process as outlined in Planning Guide Section 3.1.9, *Transmission Interconnection Study*, or will be included in ERCOT and the TSP’s annual Planning Assessment. For qualified changes that require a TSP to conduct a TIS study report, ERCOT will review the report.)
3. **Changes to existing interconnections of electricity end-user Facilities**
4. Existing loads co-located with a Resource increasing total demand by 20 MW or greater.
5. Existing loads not co-located with a Resource increasing total demand by 75 MW or greater.

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