**Planning Working Group (PLWG)**

**Meeting Notes**

**December 13, 2023**

**WebEx Only**

1. **Antitrust Admonition**
2. **Agenda Review**
3. **Review of PLWG Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2023**
   1. No changes were made to the meeting notes
4. **General Update**
   1. Alexandra Miller (EDF Renewables) nominated Dylan Preas (LCRA TSC), the current vice-chair, to serve as chair in 2024.
   2. Harsh Naik (Oncor) nominated Mina Turner (AEP) to serve as vice-chair in 2024.
   3. There were no other nominations for chair and vice-chair, so Dylan Preas and Mina Turner would be proposed to ROS as unopposed candidates for chair and vice-chair.
5. [**PGRR 112**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/PGRR112__;!!FvyJbJE!SUDx9Q8q-OBewIbsy2UHqZs3ZdwaOFutIKKGQaF5T7iAStK19UiQrsD8hDOJISjMJL6WDZIqvPTjoLFjI1tFL1h3JA$) **Dynamic Data Model and Full Interconnection Study (FIS) Deadline for Quarterly Stability Assessment (Jenifer Fernandes, ERCOT)**
   1. In November, Jenifer said that ERCOT would submit comments in response to comments submitted by LCRA TSC. Jenifer said that the ERCOT comments are currently undergoing legal review.
   2. *PLWG agreed to table PGRR 112 for further discussion at the January meeting.*
6. [**PGRR 113**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/PGRR113__;!!FvyJbJE!SUDx9Q8q-OBewIbsy2UHqZs3ZdwaOFutIKKGQaF5T7iAStK19UiQrsD8hDOJISjMJL6WDZIqvPTjoLFjI1tXSehfSw$) **Related to NPRR 1198 – Congestion Mitigation Using Topology Reconfigurations (Ping Yan, ERCOT)**
   1. PGRR 113 clarifies that ERCOT will not use CMPs to resolve performance deficiencies in the RTP unless ERCOT expects that system conditions will change such that the CMP will no longer be needed within the next five years.
   2. A participant commented that EAPs in the network operations model may flow into the SSWG model cases and would need to be reversed. Ping said that temporary settings affected by an EAP would be reverted before being modeled in the SSWG base cases. The group agreed that this should be clarified in the SSWG Procedure Manual.
   3. *PLWG agreed to send PGRR 113 to ROS for endorsement along with NPRR 1198 and suggest that related updates to the SSWG Procedure Manual are made in parallel.*
7. [**PGRR 107**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/PGRR107__;!!FvyJbJE!SUDx9Q8q-OBewIbsy2UHqZs3ZdwaOFutIKKGQaF5T7iAStK19UiQrsD8hDOJISjMJL6WDZIqvPTjoLFjI1sjZyNCRA$) **(**[**NPRR 1180**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1180__;!!FvyJbJE!SUDx9Q8q-OBewIbsy2UHqZs3ZdwaOFutIKKGQaF5T7iAStK19UiQrsD8hDOJISjMJL6WDZIqvPTjoLFjI1vAJcWtvA$)**) – Inclusion of Forecasted Load in Planning Analyses (Nathan Bigbee, ERCOT)**
   1. ERCOT submitted [reply comments](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/12/13/107PGRR-06*20ERCOT*20Comments*20121323.docx__;JSUl!!FvyJbJE!SUDx9Q8q-OBewIbsy2UHqZs3ZdwaOFutIKKGQaF5T7iAStK19UiQrsD8hDOJISjMJL6WDZIqvPTjoLFjI1s5ydkLYw$) on December 13. Nathan Bigbee, Deputy General Counsel at ERCOT, summarized the comments. ERCOT also submitted [reply comments](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/12/13/1180NPRR-09*20ERCOT*20Comments*20121323.docx__;JSUl!!FvyJbJE!SUDx9Q8q-OBewIbsy2UHqZs3ZdwaOFutIKKGQaF5T7iAStK19UiQrsD8hDOJISjMJL6WDZIqvPTjoLFjI1t3gjoHcg$) to NPRR 1180.
   2. ERCOT asserts that it is only required to consider – not “accept at face value” as asserted by Oncor – a load forecast provided by a TSP. Instead, ERCOT says that it must assess the TSP load forecast to be “credible” as a condition for using that forecast in its planning analyses; ERCOT believes this “credibility” test should be explicitly stated given the potential for TSP load forecast information to affect RTP and EIR analyses.
   3. ERCOT disagrees that it should be required to endorse a project that is not supported by an interconnection agreement or other credible and quantifiable evidence supporting the TSP load forecast. For Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects requiring a CCN, the EIR will evaluate the proposed project with and without a load that ERCOT has evaluated to be not credible; then, as part of the CCN process, the PUCT would have to authority to adjudicate the credibility of the TSP load forecast and the need for the project.
   4. A partipant asked if ERCOT believes the load forecasts in the SSWG cases and if ERCOT will require additional information to justify those load forecasts. Ping Yan (ERCOT) said that ERCOT incorporates SSWG load forecasts into the RTP cases via the RTP load review process.
   5. Martha Henson (Oncor) said that PGRR 107 was not intended to permit the use of speculative load in TSP or ERCOT transmission analyses. Martha asked ERCOT to explain how it evaluates credibility and what quantifiable evidence would sufficiently demonstrate credibility. Nathan said that the ERCOT comments answer this in more detail. Qualitatively, ERCOT would prefer to have a looser criteria with respect to credibility and allow the PUCT to determine credibility in the CCN process according to more stringent criteria.
   6. *PLWG agreed to table the revised NPRR 1180 and PGRR 107 for further discussion at the January meeting.*
8. **Review Open Action Items**
   1. **FAC-002-4 Qualified Change.** (No updates)
   2. **ERCOT Congestion Cost Savings Test.** (No updates)
   3. [**NPRR 1070**](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1070) **– Planning Criteria for GTC Exit Solutions.** Remains tabled while alternative revisions are drafted.
   4. **SSWG Modeling Assumptions.** A small group with SSWG and PLWG representation met in late November to discuss this topic. The discussion is still ongoing.
9. **Other Business**
   1. (None)
10. **Adjourn**

**Attendees (In-Person)**

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**Attendees (Webex)**

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| AEP Doug Evans |
| Sirius Ahn - Oncor |
| Alexandra Miller - EDFR |
| Amanda Frazier |
| Bob Wittmeyer - Longhorn Power |
| Brad Bell, Solar Proponent |
| Brian Hithersay - BEPC |
| Brian Koz |
| Bridget Headrick - Customized Energy Solutions |
| 2 call in users |
| Cathey Carter - GridAxon |
| Charles Aleman Sharyland |
| Charles DeWitt - PEC |
| Cole Dietert |
| Connor Anderson - AB Power Advisors |
| Constance McD Wyman |
| David Milner |
| David Withrow – AEP |
| Eduardo Martinez – Good Company |
| Edward Lopez – BTU |
| ERCOT – Eric meier |
| ERCOT - Erin Wasik-Gutierrez |
| ERCOT - Jay Teixeira |
| ERCOT - John Schmall |
| ERCOT – Nathan Bigbee |
| ERCOT - Ping Yan |
| ERCOT - Prabhu Gnanam |
| ERCOT - Robert Golen |
| ERCOT – Sadegh Modarresi |
| ERCOT – Sun Wook Kang |
| ERCOT-Jenifer Fernandes |
| Eric Lotter - GridMonitor |
| Hudson Callender/ CPS Energy |
| Jason H |
| Jason |
| Jeff Ellis AEP |
| Jennifer Coffee |
| Jim Lee / CenterPoint Energy |
| John Childress - kWantix |
| John Ritch |
| Joshua Rivers - PEC |
| Kristin Cook, Southern Power |
| Kristy Ashley - CES |
| LCRA TSC - Andrew Hamann |
| LCRA TSC - Dylan Preas |
| LCRA TSC - Mohammad Mokhayeri |
| LCRA TSC - Nicholas Oberski |
| Larisa Loyferman |
| Lauri White AEP Texas |
| Long Tran |
| Manny Uy - Hunt Energy |
| Mark Dreyufus |
| Martha Henson - Oncor |
| Marty Downey / Luminant Corporation |
| Montse Meadows |
| Mina Y Turner |
| Harsh Naik – Oncor |
| Olawunmi, Ola |
| Parvathaneni, Sirisha |
| Pengwei Du |
| Peter Winder |
| PUCT – Chris Brown |
| Raja Kakarla CNP |
| Ramya Ramaswamy - PUCT |
| Robert King |
| Russell Hall |
| Sam Senanayake |
| Sandeep Borkar - LCRA TSC |
| Sandra Morris |
| Suzi McClellan |
| Theresa Noyes LCRA |
| Matt Tovar |
| Vanessa Chan - Enel |
| Ward Jablonski MEPPI |
| Wes Woitt - CNP |