**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Retail Market Subcommittee (RMS) Meeting**

**ERCOT Austin – 8000 Metropolis Drive (Building E), Suite 100 – Austin, Texas 78744**

**Tuesday,** **February 6, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.**

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| Attendance |  | | |  |
| *RMS Representatives:* |  | | |  |
| Blakey, Eric | Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) | | |  |
| Burke, Tom | RWE Renewables | | | Via Teleconference |
| Callender, Hudson | CPS Energy | | | Via Teleconference |
| Doerrfeld, Mindy | Tenaska Power Services (Tenaska) | | | Via Teleconference |
| Ghormley, Angela | Calpine Corporation (Calpine) | | |  |
| Hermes, Connie | South Texas Electric Cooperative (STEC) | | | Via Teleconference |
| Khan, Amir | Chariot Energy | | | Via Teleconference |
| McKeever, Debbie | Oncor Electric Delivery (Oncor) | | |  |
| Patrick, Kyle | Reliant Energy Retail Services (Reliant) | | |  |
| Pokharel, Nabaraj | Office of Public Utility Council (OPUC) | | | Via Teleconference |
| Rehfeldt, Diana | Texas-New Mexico Power (TNMP) | | | Via Teleconference |
| Schatz, John | Luminant Generation | | |  |
| Schmitt, Jennifer | Rhythm Ops | | | Via Teleconference |
| Scott, Kathy | CenterPoint Energy (CNP) | | |  |
| Shepherd, Bill | Denton Municipal Electric (DME) | | | Via Teleconference |
| Snyder, Bill | American Electric Power (AEP) Service Corporation (AEPSC) | | |  |
| Wilson, Frank | Nueces Electric Cooperative (NEC) | | |  |
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| The following proxy was assigned:   * Bill Shepherd is proxy for Doug Lyles | |  | |  |
| *Guests:* | |  | |  |
| Andrews, Cameron | Austin Energy | | | Via Teleconference |
| Apodaca, Amber | Oncor | | | Via Teleconference |
| Armstrong, Tamela | Alliance Power | | | Via Teleconference |
| Ashley, Kristy | Customized Energy Solutions | | | Via Teleconference |
| Baiza, Elizabeth | Lubbock Power & Light (LP&L) | | | Via Teleconference |
| Belin, Deb | Earth Etch | | | Via Teleconference |
| Blackburn, Don | Hunt | | | Via Teleconference |
| Bonde, Vrushal | PNM Resources | | | Via Teleconference |
| Busch, Aly | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Butler, William | Potomac Economics | | |  |
| Compton, Dawn | Oncor | | | Via Teleconference |
| Cooksey, Matthew | OPUC | | | Via Teleconference |
| Damen, Lauren | NRG | | | Via Teleconference |
| Earnest, Melinda | AEP | | |  |
| Fails, Heather | Oncor | | |  |
| Fernandez, Tomas | NRG | | |  |
| Fraire, Susana | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Gardner, Clint | LP&L | | |  |
| Gibbs, Dale | Just Energy | | | Via Teleconference |
| Gomez, Laura | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Gutierrez, Toney | AEP | | | Via Teleconference |
| Hansen, Matthew | Gexa | | | Via Teleconference |
| Hunt, Mark | AEP | | | Via Teleconference |
| Johnson, Shannon | PEC | | | Via Teleconference |
| Jones, Monica | CNP | | |  |
| Keller, Jenna | Potomac Economics | | | Via Teleconference |
| Khanmohamed, Mansoor | BP Energy Retail | | | Via Teleconference |
| King, Robert | Good Company Associates | | | Via Teleconference |
| Koz, Brian | Wolframium Power | | | Via Teleconference |
| Krueger, Tyler | Big Data Energy | | | Via Teleconference |
| Lee, Jim | CNP | | |  |
| Lotter, Eric | Grid Monitor | | | Via Teleconference |
| Lowerre, Dee | NRG | | |  |
| Macias, Jesse | AEP | | |  |
| Maldonado, Melissa | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Murugesan, Malini | PEC | | | Via Teleconference |
| Nunes, Frank | VertexOne | | | Via Teleconference |
| Ortiz, Krista | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Pak, Sam | Oncor | | |  |
| Pena, Edelmira | Revolution Energy | | | Via Teleconference |
| Perez, Yvette | Octo Energy | | | Via Teleconference |
| Pietrucha, Doug | Advanced Energy Economy | | | Via Teleconference |
| Pliler, Steve | Vistra | | |  |
| Rowley, Chris | Oncor | | |  |
| Shaw, Pam | Principle Staff/LP&L | | |  |
| Sidhu, Kiran | E360 Power | | | Via Teleconference |
| Smith, Dailey | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Son, Joshua | The University of Texas | | | Via Teleconference |
| Turner, Lucas | STEC | | | Via Teleconference |
| Townsend, Paul | Texas Competitive Power Advocates | | | Via Teleconference |
| Tumlinson, Katy | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Valdez, Viviana | LP&L | | | Via Teleconference |
| Velasquez, Ivan | Oncor | | | Via Teleconference |
| Walcott, Gary | PNM Resources | | | Via Teleconference |
| Walker, Floyd | PUCT | | | Via Teleconference |
| Wall, Kim | Hansen Technologies | | | Via Teleconference |
| Wiegand, Sheri | TXU Energy | | |  |
| Winegeart, Michael | LP&L | | |  |
| Zito, David | Gabel Associates | | | Via Teleconference |
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| *ERCOT Staff:* |  | | |  |
| Arth, Matt |  | | |  |
| Benavides, Marcos |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Boren, Ann |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Brik, Kelly |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Clifton, Suzy |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Dwyer, Davida |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Hanna, Mick |  | | |  |
| Hanson, Pamela |  | | |  |
| Meier, Kennedy |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Michelsen, Dave |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Nuckolls, Stacy |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Roberts, Randy |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Scott, Shawn |  | | | Via Teleconference |
| Thurman, Kathryn |  | | |  |
| Troublefield, Jordan |  | | |  |
| Wasik-Gutierrez, Erin |  | | | Via Teleconference |
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*Unless otherwise indicated, all Market Segments were present for a vote.*

John Schatz called the February 6, 2024 RMS meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Antitrust Admonition

Mr. Schatz directed attention to the ERCOT Antitrust Admonition, which was displayed.

Agenda Review

Mr. Schatz reviewed the agenda.

Approval of RMS Meeting Minutes (see Key Documents)[[1]](#footnote-2)

*January 9, 2024*

Mr. Schatz reviewed the January 9, 2024 RMS Meeting Minutes and noted that this item could be considered for inclusion in the [Combined Ballot](#Combined_Ballot).

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (see Key Documents)

Mr. Schatz reviewed the disposition of items considered at the January 24, 2024 TAC meeting.

2024 RMS Working Group/Task Force Leadership (see Key Documents)

Mr. Schatz presented the available 2024 RMS Working Group Leadership nominees and noted the Retail Market Training Task Force (RMTTF) had not yet presented leadership nominees. Mr. Schatz noted that this item could be considered for inclusion in the [Combined Ballot](#Combined_Ballot).

2024 RMS Goals

Mr. Schatz noted that RMS Goals will be considered after TAC Goals are approved. RMS took no action on this item.

ERCOT Updates (see Key Documents)

*Flight Update*

Dave Michelsen summarized the Flight Update and stated that all Texas Standard Electronic Transaction (Texas SET) Version 5.0 test flights must be completed by November 2024 to be certified for retail participation in the ERCOT market. Participants expressed a desire for clear timelines between certification and market activation.

*Retail Projects Update*

Mr. Michelsen offered an update on the Market Information System (MIS) Retail “Application Programming Interface” (API) and noted that testing and training sessions are ongoing.

*Information Technology (IT) Report*

Mick Hanna reviewed the January 2024 IT Report and noted slow Listserv performance due to a vendor issue, which has been resolved.

*Value of Lost Load (VOLL) Study Status Update*

Matt Arth provided a VOLL study update and noted that the ERCOT and Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) communications teams have been collaborating and that a proposed survey work plan, including timeline and communications programing, is anticipated for filing prior to the February 15, 2024 PUCT open meeting.

RMS Revision Requests (see Key Documents)

*Impact Analysis*

*Load Profiling Guide Revision Request (LPGRR) 074, Align Definitions of IDRRQ, LRG, and LRGDG*

Market Participants reviewed the 1/23/24 Impact Analysis. Mr. Schatz noted that this item could be considered for inclusion in the [Combined Ballot](#Combined_Ballot).

Revision Requests Tabled at RMS Revision Requests (see Key Documents)

*Retail Market Guide Revision Request (RMGRR) 177, Switch Hold Removal Clarification*

Mr. Schatz offered an overview and timeline of RMGRR177. Sheri Wiegand reviewed the 2/5/24 Texas Data Transport and MarkeTrak Systems Working Group (TDTMS) comments to RMGRR177. Nabaraj Pokharel expressed concern about switch move process changes, citing OPUC's historical support of the process, and requested to abstain from the vote which prompted the single item ballot.

**Kathy Scott moved to recommend approval of RMGRR177 as amended by the 2/5/24 TDTMS comments. Kyle Patrick seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention from the Residential Consumer (OPUC) Market Segment.** *(Please see ballot posted with Key Documents.)*

Lubbock Retail Integration Task Force (LRITF) (see Key Documents)

Ms. Wiegand summarized the LRITF activities.

LP&L Update

Clint Gardner summarized LP&L integration activities, noted final shopping fair plans, anticipated lowering of street light rates and stated that Distributed Generation (DG) rates have been removed. Participants discussed planning for Smart Meter Texas (SMT).

Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 1212, Clarification of Distribution Service Provider’s Obligation to Provide an ESI ID (see Key Documents)

Randy Roberts provided an update of NPRR1212 and noted Market Participant collaborations towards expected comment filings. Participants requested that this item be brought back for discussion at the March 5, 2024 RMS meeting, and Mr. Roberts agreed. RMS took no action on this item.

Planning Guide Revision Request (PGRR) 114, Related to NPRR1212, Clarification of Distribution Service Provider’s Obligation to Provide an ESI ID (see Key Documents)

Mr. Roberts provided an update of PGRR114. Participants requested that this item be brought back for discussion at the March 5, 2024 RMS meeting, and Mr. Roberts agreed. RMS took no action on this item.

Texas SET Working Group (see Key Documents)

Mr. Patrick reviewed Texas SET activities, including 2024 Goals. Mr. Patrick expressed gratitude for Diana Rehfeldt’s contributions, and noted the next Texas SET Working Group meeting will be held jointly with the Market Coordination Team (MCT) on February 13, 2024.

MCT

Kathryn Thurman reviewed MCT activities.

Profiling Working Group (PWG) (see Key Documents)

Sam Pak reviewed PWG activities, including 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Goals. Mr. Pak noted that the February 20, 2024 PWG meeting is cancelled, and the next PWG meeting is March 28, 2024.

RMTTF (see Key Documents)

Melinda Earnest reviewed RMTTF activities and noted upcoming training classes.

Texas Data Transport and MarkeTrak Systems (TDTMS) Working Group (see Key Documents)

Ms. Wiegand reviewed TDTMS activities, including 2024 Goals.

Combined Ballot

**Mr. Patrick moved to approve the Combined Ballot as follows:**

* **To approve the January 9, 2024 RMS Meeting Minutes as submitted**
* **To approve the 2024 RMS Working Group/Task Force Leadership as presented**
* **To endorse and forward to TAC the 1/9/24 RMS Report and the 1/23/24 Impact Analysis for LPGRR074**

**Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.** *(Please see ballot posted with Key Documents)*

Other Business (see Key Documents)

*Winter Weatherization*

Mr. Schatz presented a reference page about winter weather preparedness, suggested that everyone review it, and noted that the topic of winter weatherization would be revisited at the March 5, 2024 RMS meeting.

*Advanced Metering System (AMS) Data Matrix*

Mr. Schatz noted that the AMS Data Matrix will be reviewed at the March 5, 2024 RMS meeting and is anticipated to take an hour. Mr. Schatz requested brevity of other presentations to allow time for the AMS Data Matrix review.

Adjournment

Mr. Schatz adjourned the February 6, 2024 RMS meeting at 11:24 a.m.

1. Key Documents referenced in these minutes may be accessed on the ERCOT website at: <https://www.ercot.com/calendar/02062024-RMS-Meeting> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)