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| NPRR Number | [1202](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1202) | NPRR Title | Refundable Deposits for Large Load Interconnection Studies |
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| Comments |

Cholla Petroleum (Cholla) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 1202. We would like to express our support for this NPRR as amended by the comments filed by Longhorn Power on October 1, 2024.

Cholla shares the sentiment that the interconnection queue for large loads in ERCOT has grown to the point that it is unmanageable and desperately needs correction to determine which projects have merit and which are merely speculative. The only concern Cholla has is that the fees recommended remain far too low to have a material impact on the queue.

We are in favor of NPRR1202 moving forward but would recommend that the interconnect queue continue to be watched to determine if sufficient improvement has occurred. If not, we hope that the fee could be increased in the future to a level where the tide of new interconnects has ebbed to a degree.

The importance of this NPRR is that the current process is creating significant delays in the development of new loads in the ERCOT system. These delays represent delays to economic production for the State. This is a real problem.

Large loads such as data centers, bitcoin mining, and hydrogen production are looking for sites nationally (and in some cases internationally) to determine the best fit for their operations. These loads currently view Texas as a very favorable market due to it’s relatively low energy rates and friendly business environment. However, in their evaluations, time is quite literally money.

The economic benefits these loads bring to the State are significant in the form of capital investment, jobs, and taxes. The degree to which we correct and streamline our current interconnection process will ensure that Texas will be awarded the lion’s share of these loads and will reap those benefits.

We therefore recommend the prompt approval of this NPRR.

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| Revised Cover Page Language |

None

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| Revised Proposed Protocol Language |

None