Reporting and insights from 2024 audit: Electric Reliability Council of Texas 401(k) Savings Plan

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Executive summary

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of Electric Reliability Council of Texas 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) for the year ended December 31, 2024. The following presents communications required by our professional standards.

Your audit should provide you with confidence in your financial statements. The audit was performed based on information obtained from meetings with management, data from your systems, knowledge of your Plan’s operating environment and our risk assessment procedures. We strive to provide you clear, concise communication throughout the audit process and of the final results of our audit.

Additionally, we have included information on key risk areas Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) should be aware of in your strategic planning. We are available to discuss these risks as they relate to your Plan’s financial stability and future planning.

Our responsibilities

As your independent auditor, our responsibilities include:

- Planning and performing the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance.
- Assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. Included in that assessment is a consideration of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting.
- Performing appropriate procedures based upon our risk assessment.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management.
- Perform an audit in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of the Plan.
- Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

Our responsibilities

We are also required to communicate significant matters related to our audit that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance, including:

- Internal control matters
- Qualitative aspects of the Plan accounting practice including policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures
- Significant unusual transactions
- Significant difficulties encountered
- Disagreements with management
- Circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors' report
- Audit consultations outside the engagement team
- Corrected and uncorrected misstatements
- Other audit findings or issues

Significant changes to the audit plan

There were no significant changes made to either our planned audit strategy or to the significant risks and other areas of emphasis identified during the performance of our risk assessment procedures.

Planned scope and timing

Audit focus

Based on our understanding of the Plan and environment in which you operate, we focused our audit on the following key areas:

- Internal control over financial reporting and related tests of controls, including the risk of management override of controls.
- Payroll and participant data processing
- Fair value measurements and disclosures
- Revenue recognition related to contributions and investment income at the plan and participant level, where applicable
- Notes receivable from participants, including testing of appropriate documentation and compliance under the statutory exemption
- Benefit payment testing, including the appropriateness of the payment to eligible participants and compliance with plan documents.
- Changes to plan provisions, acquisitions and/or plan mergers, and changes to service providers, if any.
- Other areas/risks based on discussion with management
- Our areas of audit focus were informed by, among other things, our assessment of materiality. Materiality in the context of our audit was determined based on specific qualitative and quantitative factors combined with our expectations about the Plan's current year results.

In respect to compliance testing, the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) do not permit for a materiality threshold.

Key areas of focus and significant findings

Significant risks of material misstatement

A significant risk is an identified and assessed risk of material misstatement that, in the auditor's professional judgment, requires special audit consideration. Within our audit, we focused on the following significant risks noted below.

Significant risk areas	Testing approach	Conclusion
Management override of controls	The risk of management override is addressed by the assignment of audit staff based on consideration of audit risk, procedures to incorporate an element of unpredictability, consideration of the selection and application of significant accounting principles, review of accounting estimates for bias, evaluation of business rationale for unusual transactions and evaluation of the appropriateness of fraud related inquiries performed	No issues identified

Other areas of emphasis

We also focused on other areas that did not meet the definition of a significant risk but were determined to require specific awareness and a unique audit response.

Other areas of emphasis	Testing approach	Conclusion
Plan not operating in accordance with plan provisions and regulations	Performed participant level testing including verification of eligibility, proper calculation of eligible compensation, proper calculation of employee deferrals and employer match, benefits paid and loans administered in accordance with plan provisions, rollovers accepted from qualified sources, and contributions and loan repayments remitted timely.	No issues identified

Internal control matters

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

A material weakness is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Required communications

Qualitative aspect of accounting practices

- Accounting policies: Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we have advised management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing accounting policies was not changed during 2024. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which accounting policies are controversial or for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus or diversity in practice.

- Accounting estimates: Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements, the degree of subjectivity involved in their development and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Required communications

The following estimates are of most significance to the financial statements:

Estimate	Management's process to determine	Baker Tilly's conclusion regarding reasonableness
Fair Value of Investments	Management relies on the trustee's valuation of investments based on published net asset values and amortized cost.	We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

There have been no significant changes made by management to the processes used to develop the particularly sensitive accounting estimates or changes to the significant assumptions noted above.

Financial statement disclosures: The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

Required communications

Significant unusual transactions

There have been no significant transactions that are outside the normal course of business for the Plan or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size or nature.

Significant difficulties encountered during the audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management and completing our audit.

Disagreements with management

Professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Required communications

Auditors' report

There have been no departures from the auditors’ standard report.

Audit consultations outside the engagement team

We encountered no difficult or contentious matters for which we consulted outside of the engagement team.

Other audit findings or issues

We encountered no other audit findings or issues that require communication at this time.

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Required communications

Uncorrected misstatements and corrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no misstatements identified.

Management's consultations with other accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing or accounting matters.

Written communications between management and Baker Tilly

Copies of material written communications with management, including a copy of the engagement letter, the draft auditor's report and a draft of the management representation letter, are available upon request.

Required communications

Compliance with laws and regulations

We did not identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations during our audit.

Fraud

We did not identify any known or suspected fraud during our audit.

Going concern

Pursuant to professional standards, we are required to communicate to you, when applicable, certain matters relating to our evaluation of the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time but no less than 12 months from the date the financial statements are issued or available to be issued, including the effects on the financial statements and the adequacy of the related disclosures, and the effects on the auditor's report. No such matters or conditions have come to our attention during our engagement.

Required communications

Independence

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly and the Plan that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Form 5500

We obtained and read the draft Form 5500 prior dating our report. We noted no material inconsistencies with the audited plan financial statements.

Related parties

We did not have any significant findings or issues arise during the audit in connection with the Plan's related parties.

Required communications

Other matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the ERISA, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves.

Nonattest services

The following nonattest services were provided by Baker Tilly:

- Preparation of Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule(s)
- Preparation of trial balance from trust reports
- Preparation of adjusting entries as necessary

*Non-attest services are provided by Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP

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