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| **Flight Schedule for Version 5.0 Flights in 2026** | 0226 |
| **Activity** | Calendar Date |
| Notice from ERCOT Client Services of the next flight for Retail Market Testing sent to ERCOT lists.ercot.com distribution. Registration questions can be sent to FlightTesting@ercot.com  | Dec. 3, 2025 |
| **New CRs and new DUNS+4 entities** (in flight only)**:** The following step must be completed by 5pm CPT1. LSE Application and Fee must be submitted to ERCOT. (New CR and new DUNS+4)
2. Must have filed for PUC REP Certification and have Docket number. (New CR and if required, new DUNS+4)

**NOTE: If new or existing CRs plan to test with a Service Provider who is not established in the ERCOT Market, name and contact information for that Service Provider must be given by this deadline.** | Jan. 14, 2026 |
| **New CRs and new DUNS +4 entities** (in flight only)**:**ERCOT Flight Team will send out an email to the AR (Authorized Rep)/BAR (Backup Authorized Rep) requesting the contact information for the user that they would like to be set up in FlighTrak as the Admin. The AR/BAR will send that information to FlightTesting@ercot.com | Jan. 14, 2026 |
| **Email sent to MP admin explaining that the following must happen before the deadline:**1. Admin creates user account for AR/BAR
2. ERCOT, confirming that the AR/BAR set up match the contacts provided on the LSE application, assign the AR/BAR roles to the appropriate users
 | Jan. 21, 2026 |
| **IN-FLIGHT SIGNUP DEADLINE**AR/BAR must submit their Flight Registration in FlighTrak and be approved by 5:00pm CPT. | Jan. 28, 2026 |
| Final Testing Matrix Available for Flight | Jan. 30, 2026 |
| **Testing Specifications are to be submitted and approved in the FlighTrak tool** | Feb. 2, 2026 |
| **TDSPs** and **ERCOT** **complete sending emails with proposed date and time schedule** of connectivity testing to each Trading Partner | Feb. 3, 2026 |
| **Connectivity** and **Penny** (if applicable) Testing begins for all Testing Participants. **Connectivity and Penny tests must be completed before Day 1 of Functional Testing.** | Feb. 4, 2026 |
| TDSPs uploading of Test bed information to FlighTrak **DEADLINE** | Feb. 13, 2026 |
| Day 1 Functional Testing Transactions flow  | **Feb. 23, 2026** |
| Flight scheduled to conclude  | **March 6, 2026** |
| Contingency Period begins with the Flight Administrator and involved TDSP’s approval | March 9, 2026 |
| Contingency Period to conclude for Flight |  March 13, 2026 |

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| **Flight Schedule for Version 5.0 Flights in 2026** | 0626 |
| **Activity** | Calendar Date |
| Notice from ERCOT Client Services of the next flight for Retail Market Testing sent to ERCOT lists.ercot.com distribution. Registration questions can be sent to FlightTesting@ercot.com  | March 18, 2026 |
| **New CRs and new DUNS+4 entities** (in flight only)**:** The following step must be completed by 5pm CPT1. LSE Application and Fee must be submitted to ERCOT. (New CR and new DUNS+4)
2. Must have filed for PUC REP Certification and have Docket number. (New CR and if required, new DUNS+4)

**NOTE: If new or existing CRs plan to test with a Service Provider who is not established in the ERCOT Market, name and contact information for that Service Provider must be given by this deadline.** | April 15, 2026 |
| **New CRs and new DUNS +4 entities** (in flight only)**:**ERCOT Flight Team will send out an email to the AR (Authorized Rep)/BAR (Backup Authorized Rep) requesting the contact information for the user that they would like to be set up in FlighTrak as the Admin. The AR/BAR will send that information to FlightTesting@ercot.com | April 22, 2026 |
| **Email sent to MP admin explaining that the following must happen before the deadline:**1. Admin creates user account for AR/BAR
2. ERCOT, confirming that the AR/BAR set up match the contacts provided on the LSE application, assign the AR/BAR roles to the appropriate users
 | April 29, 2026 |
| **IN-FLIGHT SIGNUP DEADLINE**AR/BAR must submit their Flight Registration in FlighTrak and be approved by 5:00pm CPT. | May 6, 2026 |
| Final Testing Matrix Available for Flight | May 8, 2026 |
| **Testing Specifications are to be submitted and approved in the FlighTrak tool** | May 11, 2026 |
| **TDSPs** and **ERCOT** **complete sending emails with proposed date and time schedule** of connectivity testing to each Trading Partner | May 12, 2026 |
| **Connectivity** and **Penny** (if applicable) Testing begins for all Testing Participants. **Connectivity and Penny tests must be completed before Day 1 of Functional Testing.** | May 13, 2026 |
| TDSPs uploading of Test bed information to FlighTrak **DEADLINE** | **May 29, 2026** |
| Day 1 Functional Testing Transactions flow  | **June 8, 2026** |
| Flight tentatively scheduled to conclude (Holiday, if necessary, contingency will be used) | **June 19, 2026** |
| Contingency Period begins with the Flight Administrator and involved TDSP’s approval | June 22, 2026 |
| Contingency Period to conclude for Flight  | June 26, 2026 |

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| **Flight Schedule for Version 5.0 Flights in 2026** | 1026 |
| **Activity** | Calendar Date |
| Notice from ERCOT Client Services of the next flight for Retail Market Testing sent to ERCOT lists.ercot.com distribution. Registration questions can be sent to FlightTesting@ercot.com  | July 22, 2026 |
| **New CRs and new DUNS+4 entities** (in flight only)**:** The following step must be completed by 5pm CPT1. LSE Application and Fee must be submitted to ERCOT. (New CR and new DUNS+4)
2. Must have filed for PUC REP Certification and have Docket number. (New CR and if required, new DUNS+4)

**NOTE: If new or existing CRs plan to test with a Service Provider who is not established in the ERCOT Market, name and contact information for that Service Provider must be given by this deadline.** | Aug. 19, 2026 |
| **New CRs and new DUNS +4 entities** (in flight only)**:**ERCOT Flight Team will send out an email to the AR (Authorized Rep)/BAR (Backup Authorized Rep) requesting the contact information for the user that they would like to be set up in FlighTrak as the Admin. The AR/BAR will send that information to FlightTesting@ercot.com  | Aug. 26, 2026 |
| **Email sent to MP admin explaining that the following must happen before the deadline:**1. Admin creates user account for AR/BAR
2. ERCOT, confirming that the AR/BAR set up match the contacts provided on the LSE application, assign the AR/BAR roles to the appropriate users

 | Sept. 2, 2026 |
| **IN-FLIGHT SIGNUP DEADLINE**AR/BAR must submit their Flight Registration in FlighTrak and be approved by 5:00pm CPT. | Sept. 9, 2026 |
| Final Testing Matrix Available for Flight | Sept. 11, 2026 |
| **Testing Specifications are to be submitted and approved in the FlighTrak tool** | Sept. 14, 2026 |
| **TDSPs** and **ERCOT** **complete sending emails with proposed date and time schedule** of connectivity testing to each Trading Partner | Sept. 15, 2026 |
| **Connectivity** and **Penny** (if applicable) Testing begins for all Testing Participants. **Connectivity and Penny tests must be completed before Day 1 of Functional Testing.** | Sept. 16, 2026 |
| TDSPs uploading of Test bed information to FlighTrak **DEADLINE**  | Oct. 9, 2026 |
| Day 1 Functional Testing Transactions flow  | **Oct. 19, 2026** |
| Flight tentatively scheduled to conclude  | **Oct. 30, 2026** |
| Contingency Period begins with the Flight Administrator and involved TDSP’s approval | Nov. 2, 2026 |
| Contingency Period to conclude for Flight | Nov. 6, 2026 |