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| NOGRR Number | [277](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NOGRR277) | NOGRR Title | Related to NPRR1282, Ancillary Service Duration under Real-Time Co-Optimization |
| Date of Decision | | July 31, 2025 | |
| Action | | Approved | |
| Timeline | | Urgent - to allow for ERCOT Board consideration in June 2025 and Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) consideration in July 2025, so the open-loop testing in July 2025 and subsequent phases incorporates this change. | |
| Estimated Impacts | | Cost/Budgetary: None  Project Duration: No project required | |
| Effective Date | | Upon system implementation of Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 1282, Ancillary Service Duration under Real-Time Co-Optimization | |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | | Not applicable | |
| Nodal Operating Guide Sections Requiring Revision | | 2.3, Ancillary Services  2.3.3.1, Additional Operational Details for ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS) Providers | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | NPRR1282 | |
| Revision Description | | This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) updates duration requirements for ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS) to one hour. | |
| Reason for Revision | | [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 1 – Be an industry leader for grid reliability and resilience  [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 2 - Enhance the ERCOT region’s economic competitiveness with respect to trends in wholesale power rates and retail electricity prices to consumers  [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 3 - Advance ERCOT, Inc. as an independent leading industry expert and an employer of choice by fostering innovation, investing in our people, and emphasizing the importance of our mission  General system and/or process improvement(s)  Regulatory requirements  ERCOT Board/PUCT Directive  *(please select ONLY ONE – if more than one apply, please select the ONE that is most relevant)* | |
| Justification of Reason for Revision and Market Impacts | | This NOGRR proposes changes to the Nodal Operating Guides to align with changes proposed in NPRR1282. As described further in NPRR1282, ERCOT conducted an analysis in anticipation of the upcoming implementation of the Real-Time Co-Optimization plus Batteries (RTC+B) project and recommends that the required duration of ECRS be changed from two hours to one hour. | |
| ROS Decision | | On 5/20/25, ROS voted via email to grant NOGRR277 Urgent status; to recommend approval of NOGRR277 as submitted; and to forward to TAC NOGRR277 and the 4/29/25 Impact Analysis. There was one opposing vote from the Independent Generator (Southern Power) Market Segment and one abstention from the Consumer (OPUC) Market Segment. All Market Segments participated in the vote. | |
| Summary of ROS Discussion | | On 5/20/25, there was no discussion. | |
| TAC Decision | | On 5/28/25, TAC voted to recommend approval NOGRR277 as recommended by ROS in the 5/20/25 ROS Report. There were two abstentions from the Independent Generator (Engie, Jupiter Power) Market Segment. All Market Segments participated in the vote. | |
| Summary of TAC Discussion | | On 5/28/25, there was no additional discussion beyond TAC review of the items below. | |
| TAC Review/Justification of Recommendation | | Revision Request ties to Reason for Revision as explained in Justification  Impact Analysis reviewed and impacts are justified as explained in Justification  Opinions were reviewed and discussed  Comments were reviewed and discussed (if applicable)  Other: (explain) | |
| ERCOT Board Decision | | On 6/24/25, the ERCOT Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of NOGRR277 as recommended by TAC in the 5/28/25 TAC Report. | |
| PUCT Decision | | On 7/31/25, the PUCT approved NOGRR277 and accompanying ERCOT Market Impact Statement as presented in Project No. 54445, Review of Protocols Adopted by the Independent Organization. | |

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| **Opinions** | |
| **Credit Review** | Not applicable |
| **Independent Market Monitor Opinion** | IMM has no opinion on NOGRR277. |
| **ERCOT Opinion** | ERCOT supports approval of NOGRR277. |
| **ERCOT Market Impact Statement** | ERCOT Staff has reviewed NOGRR277 and believes the market impact for NOGRR277, along with NPRR1282, provides reasonable, study-based duration requirements for ECRS in preparation for RTC+B go-live, and ERCOT agrees that this duration parameter can be revisited after go-live when there is history with the RTC+B systems implemented and observations regarding market and reliability outcomes. |

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| **Comments Received** | |
| **Comment Author** | **Comment Summary** |
| None |  |

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| Market Rules Notes |

Please note that the following NOGRR(s) also propose revisions to the following section(s):

* NPRR264, Related to NPRR1235, Dispatchable Reliability Reserve Service as a Stand-Alone Ancillary Service
  + Section 2.3

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| Proposed Guide Language Revision |

2.3 Ancillary Services

(1) The types of Ancillary Services required by ERCOT are described below:

| **ANCILLARY SERVICE TYPE** | **DESCRIPTION** | **ERCOT AUTHORITY ACTION** |
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| Regulation Down Service (Reg-Down)  and  Regulation Up Service (Reg-Up)  (for Generation Resources and Energy Storage Resources (ESRs))  ***Reference: Protocol Section 2, Definitions and Acronyms*** | Resource capacity provided by a Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) from a specific Generation Resource or ESR to control frequency within the system which is controlled second by second, normally by an Automatic Generation Control (AGC) system. | a. Reg-Down energy is a deployment to increase or decrease generation at a level below the Generation Resource’s or ESR’s Base Point in response to a change in system frequency.  b. Reg-Up energy is a deployment to increase or decrease generation at a level above the Generation Resource’s or ESR’s Base Point in response to a change in system frequency. |
| Reg-Down  and  Reg-Up  (for Load Resource)  ***Reference: Protocol Section 2*** | Load Resource capacity provided by a QSE from a specific Load Resource to control frequency within the system. | a. Reg-Down is a deployment to increase or decrease Load as deployed within its Ancillary Service Schedule for Reg-Down below the Load Resource’s Maximum Power Consumption (MPC) limit in response to a change in system frequency.  b. Reg-Up is a deployment to increase or decrease Load as deployed within its Ancillary Service Schedule for Reg-Up above the Load Resource’s Low Power Consumption (LPC) limit in response to a change in system frequency. |
| Responsive Reserve (RRS)  ***Reference: Protocol Section******2*** | Operating reserves on Generation Resources, ESRs, Load Resources, and Resources capable of providing Fast Frequency Response (FFR) maintained by ERCOT to help control the frequency of the system. RRS on Generation Resources, ESRs, and Controllable Load can be used as energy during an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) event. | RRS may only be deployed as follows:  a. Through automatic Governor action or under-frequency relay in response to frequency deviations;  b. By electronic signal from ERCOT in response to the need; and  c. As ordered by an ERCOT Operator during an EEA or other emergencies. |
| ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS)  ***Reference: Protocol Section******2*** | a. Off-Line Generation Resource capacity, or reserved capacity from On-Line Generation Resources, capable of being ramped to a specified output level within ten minutes, operating at a specified output for at least two consecutive hours, and are dispatchable by Security-Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED).  b. Controllable Load Resources dispatchable by SCED that are capable of ramping to an ERCOT-instructed consumption level within ten minutes and consuming at the ERCOT-instructed level for at least two consecutive hours.  c. Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources and may or may not be controlled by under-frequency relay. Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources providing ECRS must be capable of reducing Load in response to an Extensible Markup Language (XML) Dispatch Instruction within ten minutes and remain deployed until recalled by ERCOT. | Deployed in response to loss-of-Resource contingencies, Load forecasting error, or other contingency events on the system. See Protocol Section 6.5.7.6.2.4, Deployment and Recall of ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service. |
| Non-Spinning Reserve (Non-Spin) Service  ***Reference: Protocol Section 2*** | a. Off-Line Generation Resource or ESR capacity, or reserved capacity from On-Line Generation Resources or ESRs, capable of being ramped to a specified output level within 30 minutes and operating at a specified output for at least four consecutive hours.  b. Controllable Load Resources that are capable of ramping to an ERCOT-instructed consumption level within 30 minutes and consuming at the ERCOT-instructed level for at least four consecutive hours.  c. Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources and that are not controlled by under-frequency relay. Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources providing Non-Spin must be capable of reducing Load in response to an XML Dispatch Instruction within 30 minutes and remain deployed until recalled by ERCOT. | Deployed in response to loss-of-Resource contingencies, Load forecasting error, or other contingency events on the system. See Protocol Section 6.5.7.6.2.3, Non-Spinning Reserve Service Deployment. |
| Voltage Support Service (VSS)  ***Reference: Protocol Section* *3.15, Voltage Support*** | Reactive capability of a Generation Resource or ESR that is required to maintain transmission and distribution voltages on the ERCOT Transmission Grid within acceptable limits. All Generation Resources and ESRs with a gross rating greater than 20 MVA shall provide VSS. | Direct the scheduling of VSS by providing Voltage Profiles at the Point of Interconnection Bus (POIB). The Generation Resource or ESR is obligated to maintain the published Voltage Profile within its Corrected Unit Reactive Limit (“CURL”). |
| Black Start Service (BSS)  ***Reference: Protocol Section*** 3.14.2***, Black Start*** | The provision of Generation Resources under a Black Start Agreement, which are capable of self-starting without support from within ERCOT in the event of a Partial Blackout or Blackout. | Provide emergency Dispatch Instructions to begin restoration to a secure operating state after a Partial Blackout or Blackout. |
| Reliability Must-Run (RMR) Service  ***Reference: Protocol Section*** 3.14.1***, Reliability Must Run*** | The provision of Generation Resource capacity and energy under an RMR Agreement. | Enter into contractual agreements to retain units required for reliable operations. Direct the operation of those units that otherwise would not operate and that are necessary to provide reliable operations. |

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| [NOGRR211: Replace paragraph (1) above with the following upon system implementation of NPRR1007:]  (1) The types of Ancillary Services required by ERCOT are described below:   | **ANCILLARY SERVICE TYPE** | **DESCRIPTION** | **ERCOT AUTHORITY ACTION** | | --- | --- | --- | | Regulation Down Service (Reg-Down)  and  Regulation Up Service (Reg-Up)  (for Generation Resources and Energy Storage Resources (ESRs))  ***Reference: Protocol Section******2, Definitions and Acronyms*** | Resource capacity provided by a Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) from a specific Generation Resource or ESR to control frequency within the system which is controlled second by second, normally by an Automatic Generation Control (AGC) system. | a. Reg-Down energy is a Resource-specific deployment to increase or decrease generation at a level below the Generation Resource’s or ESR’s Base Point in response to a change in system frequency.  b. Reg-Up energy is a Resource-specific deployment to increase or decrease generation at a level above the Generation Resource’s or ESR’s Base Point in response to a change in system frequency. | | Reg-Down  and  Reg-Up  (for Load Resource)  ***Reference: Protocol Section******2*** | Load Resource capacity provided by a QSE from a specific Load Resource to control frequency within the system. | a. Reg-Down is a Resource-specific deployment to increase or decrease Load below the Load Resource’s Maximum Power Consumption (MPC) limit in response to a change in system frequency.  b. 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Off-Line Generation Resource or ESR capacity, or reserved capacity from On-Line Generation Resources or ESRs, capable of being ramped to a specified output level within ten minutes and operating at a specified output for at least one hour.  b. Controllable Load Resources dispatchable by Security-Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED) that are capable of ramping to an ERCOT-instructed consumption level within ten minutes and consuming at the ERCOT-instructed level for at least one hour.  c. Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources and may or may not be controlled by under-frequency relay. Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources providing ECRS must be capable of reducing Load in response to an Extensible Markup Language (XML) Dispatch Instruction within ten minutes and remain deployed until recalled by ERCOT. | Deployed in response to loss-of-Resource contingencies, Load forecasting error, or other contingency events on the system. See Protocol Section 6.5.7.6.2.4, Deployment and Recall of ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service. | | Non-Spinning Reserve (Non-Spin) Service  ***Reference: Protocol Section 2*** | a. Off-Line Generation Resource or ESR capacity, or reserved capacity from On-Line Generation Resources or ESRs, capable of being ramped to a specified output level within 30 minutes and operating at a specified output for at least four consecutive hours.  b. Controllable Load Resources that are capable of ramping to an ERCOT-instructed consumption level within 30 minutes and consuming at the ERCOT-instructed level for at least four consecutive hours.  c. Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources and that are not controlled by under-frequency relay. 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2.3.3.1 Additional Operational Details for ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS) Providers

(1) Generation Resources providing ECRS must be capable of being synchronized and ramped to a specified output level within ten minutes of notification of deployment and run at a specified output level for the entire duration of its ECRS obligation.

(2) Controllable Load Resource providing ECRS must be capable of ramping to an ERCOT-instructed consumption level within ten minutes and consuming at the ERCOT-instructed level for the entire duration of its ECRS obligation.

(3) To become provisionally qualified as a provider of ECRS, a Controllable Load Resource shall complete the following requirements:

(a) Register as a Controllable Load Resource with ERCOT;

(b) Provide ERCOT the ECRS Load affidavit;

(c) Test to verify primary and alternative voice communications are in place for VDIs by ERCOT;

(d) Provide telemetry through the QSE to ERCOT in accordance with all applicable requirements set forth in paragraph (5) of Protocol Section 6.5.5.2, Operational Data Requirements; and

(e) Be able to maintain consumption at an ERCOT-instructed level during an ERCOT-instructed test for the entire duration of the test period.

(4) To become and remain fully qualified as a provider of ECRS, the Controllable Load Resource shall complete all the requirements for provisional qualification identified above and the following:

(a) Respond successfully to an actual ERCOT deployment or pass actual testing according to ERCOT’s Procedure; and

(b) Perform verification testing as described in Section 8, Attachment G, Load Resource Tests.

(5) The total amount of ECRS that Load Resources other than Controllable Load Resources may provide shall not exceed 50% of the total ERCOT-wide ECRS requirement. A Load Resource must be loaded and capable of unloading the scheduled amount of ECRS within ten minutes of instruction by ERCOT or be interrupted by action of under-frequency relays.

(a) Load Resources that are providing ECRS are not required to be controlled by high-set under-frequency relays.

(b) Load Resources controlled by high-set under-frequency relays and providing ECRS shall meet the relay setting requirement stated in paragraph (6) of Section 2.3.1.2, Additional Operational Details for Responsive Reserve Providers.

(6) ERCOT shall deploy ECRS to meet NERC Reliability Standards and other performance criteria as specified in these Operating Guides and the Protocols by one or more of the following:

(a) Automatic Dispatch Instruction signal to release ECRS capacity from Generation Resources and Controllable Load Resources to SCED; and/or

(b) Dispatch Instruction for deployment of Load Resources energy via electronic Messaging System.

(7) ERCOT shall release ECRS from Generation Resources and Controllable Load Resources to SCED when frequency drops below 59.91 Hz and available Reg-Up alone is not sufficient to restore frequency. ERCOT shall recall automatically deployed ECRS capacity once system frequency recovers above 59.97 Hz.

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| [NOGRR211: Replace Section 2.3.3.1 above with the following upon system implementation of NPRR1007:]  2.3.3.1 Additional Operational Details for ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS) Providers  (1) Generation Resources providing ECRS must be capable of being synchronized and ramped to a specified output level within ten minutes of notification of deployment and run at a specified output level for at least one hour.  (2) Controllable Load Resource providing ECRS must be capable of ramping to an ERCOT-instructed consumption level within ten minutes and consuming at the ERCOT-instructed level for at least one hour.  (3) To become provisionally qualified as a provider of ECRS, a Controllable Load Resource shall complete the following requirements:  (a) Register as a Controllable Load Resource with ERCOT;  (b) Provide ERCOT the ECRS Load affidavit;  (c) Test to verify primary and alternative voice communications are in place for VDIs by ERCOT;  (d) Provide telemetry through the QSE to ERCOT in accordance with all applicable requirements set forth in paragraph (5) of Protocol Section 6.5.5.2, Operational Data Requirements; and  (e) Be able to maintain consumption at an ERCOT-instructed level during an ERCOT-instructed test for the entire duration of the test period.  (4) To become and remain fully qualified as a provider of ECRS, the Controllable Load Resource shall complete all the requirements for provisional qualification identified above and the following:  (a) Respond successfully to an actual ERCOT deployment or pass actual testing according to ERCOT’s Procedure; and  (b) Perform verification testing as described in Section 8, Attachment G, Load Resource Tests.  (5) The total amount of ECRS that Load Resources other than Controllable Load Resources may provide shall not exceed 50% of the total ERCOT-wide ECRS requirement. A Load Resource must be loaded and capable of unloading the scheduled amount of ECRS within ten minutes of instruction by ERCOT or be interrupted by action of under-frequency relays.  (a) Load Resources that are providing ECRS are not required to be controlled by high-set under-frequency relays.  (b) Load Resources controlled by high-set under-frequency relays and providing ECRS shall meet the relay setting requirement stated in paragraph (6) of Section 2.3.1.2, Additional Operational Details for Responsive Reserve Providers.  (6) ERCOT shall deploy ECRS to meet NERC Reliability Standards and other performance criteria as specified in these Operating Guides and the Protocols by Dispatch Instruction for ECRS through Inter-Control Center Communications Protocol (ICCP) to a QSE representing a Generation Resource in synchronous condenser fast-response mode that is responding to a Frequency Measurable Event (FME) at or below the frequency set point specified in paragraph (3)(b) of Protocol Section 3.18, or under manual deployment when system frequency does not go below the frequency set point specified in paragraph (3)(b) of Protocol Section 3.18. Dispatch Instructions under this section shall only occur during scarcity conditions, as specified in Protocol Section 6.5.9.4.2, EEA Levels, or in an attempt to recover frequency to meet NERC Standards; and/or Dispatch Instruction for deployment of Load Resources energy via electronic Messaging System. |