



Date: December 1, 2025
To: Board of Directors
From: Chad Seely, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Policy, General Counsel, and Chief Compliance Officer
Subject: Non-Opt In Entity (NOIE) Load Zone Changes - Request of Lamar Electric Cooperative

Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors

ERCOT Board of Directors Meeting Date: December 8-9, 2025

Item No.: 13.2

Issue:

Whether the Board of Directors (Board) of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) should vote to approve the request of Lamar Electric Cooperative to transfer load from the Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone.

Background/History:

Protocol Section 3.4.2(1), Load Zone Modifications, explains that with some exceptions, Competitive Load Zones and NOIE Load Zones may be added, deleted, or changed, only when approved by the ERCOT Board, and that approved additions, deletions, or changes go into effect 48 months after the end of the month in which the addition, deletion, or change was approved.¹

On September 18, 2025, Lamar Electric Cooperative requested to transfer load from the Rayburn NOIE Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone.

The following table displays some usage information about Lamar Electric Cooperative.

TDSP name	2024 average daily usage	2024 average 4CP Load
Lamar County Elec Coop dba LEC	889 MWH	56.849584(MW)
Lamar County Elec Coop dba LCE RC HOUPL	255 MWH	3.571965(MW)

Key Factors Influencing Issue:

Protocol Section 3.4.2(1), Load Zone Modifications, provides that with some exceptions, Competitive Load Zones and NOIE Load Zones may be added, deleted, or changed, only when approved by the ERCOT Board, and that approved changes would go into effect 48 months after the end of the month in which the change was

¹ Note that for certain NOIEs that met the peak Load requirements in 2003 under 3.4.3(c), NOIE Load Zones, Load Zones are approved on a different timeline under 3.4.2(3); however, that subsection does not apply to Rayburn as Rayburn did not meet the peak Load requirement.



approved.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

ERCOT staff recommends that the Board approve the request of Lamar Electric Cooperative to transfer load from the Rayburn NOIE Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone, effective January 1, 2030.



ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 3.4.2, Load Zone Modifications, of the Protocols of Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) requires that Load Zones may only be changed upon approval by the ERCOT Board of Directors (Board) and such changes go into effect 48 months after the end of the month in which the change was approved by the Board;

WHEREAS, Lamar Electric Cooperative requested on September 18, 2025, to be removed from the Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone;

WHEREAS, ERCOT staff recommends transfer of Lamar Electric Cooperative from the Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the alternatives, the Board deems it desirable and in the best interest of ERCOT to approve the changes to the Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative Load Zone and Competitive North Load Zone;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the transfer of Lamar Electric Cooperative from the Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone is hereby approved and will be effective January 1, 2030.

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Brandon Gleason, Assistant Corporate Secretary of ERCOT, do hereby certify that, at its December 8-9, 2025 meeting, the Board passed a motion approving the above Resolution by _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Brandon Gleason

Assistant Corporate Secretary