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Item 6.3: Grid Transformation update

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Purpose

Provide an update on the Grid Research, Innovation and Transformation (GRIT) initiatives.

For Information Only

No action is requested of the ERCOT Board; for awareness only.

Key Takeaways

- Progress on Grid Research, Innovation and Transformation initiatives is mixed, with most trending to plan, but a few requiring extensions
- Transitional planning is actively underway to operationalize completed initiatives

GRIT Technology Initiatives – 2025 Roadmaps

| Technology Initiative | 2025 | | | | 20 | 26 | | | 20 | 27 | | 2028 | | | | |
|--|------|----------|--------|------|----------|----------|---------|------------|----------|----------|-------|---------|-------|----|----|----|
| (Strategic Objective Alignment) | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| 1. Look Ahead Commitment of ESRs 🗼 | | Proof of | Concep | t (| | White Pa | per & N | IPRR | Imp | lement | ation | | | | | |
| (Reliability/Efficiency) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Receive operational info from DERs 🦜 | | Proof of | Conce | ot (| F | Charter | | Impler | mentatio | on (pha | ses) | | | | | |
| (Reliability/Efficiency) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Meter data disaggregation for DR | POO | | | RFP | (| | Charte | r | Impler | mentati | on | | | | | |
| (Reliability/Efficiency) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Measure and estimate the regional inertia and system strength | | Proof of | Conce | pt | | Expan | d (| 3 | Chart | er | Imple | mentati | on | | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Reactive Power Coordination | | Proof of | Conce | ot (| 3 | Cha | rter | I | Implem | entatior | า | | | | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Robust Security Constrained Optimizations | | Proof of | Concep | ot | | Extend | | 9 c | harter | | Imple | ementat | ion | | | |
| (Reliability/Efficiency) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Impedance Scanning tool for stability assessment | | Proof of | Conce | ot | | Expand | | | Chart | ter | Impl | ementa | ition | | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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| (Strategic Objective Alignment) | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| 8. Improvements to large load modeling | * | | Proo | f of Co | ncept N | lodels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Machine learning models for optimal power flows | * | F | Proof of | Conce | pt | | Ex | tend | | \ C | | Charter | lm | olemen | tation | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Assessment of short circuit protection | * | | Surv | /ey | Feed | dback | Whi | te Pape | r | | | | | | | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Assessment of power quality | * | | | White | Paper | R | lesearch | n Paper | | Feedba | ck | Prod | of of Co | ncept | | Imp |). |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. Smart grid edge control of loads | * | | Res | earch F | Paper | | Fe | edback | | Pro | of of Co | ncept | (F) | N | PRR | Ir | np. |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Grid forming controls and overload current capability in inverters | * | | | White | Paper | | Resea | rch Pap | per | Feedba | ack | | N | PRR | lm | plemen | tation |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Combined economic/reliability analysis tools | s 🔆 | | White | Paper | | | Proc | of of Co | ncept | | (F) | | Charte | er | | Imp. | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |





GRIT Technology Initiatives – Additions to Roadmap

| Technology Initiative | | 20 | 26 | | | 20 | 27 | | | 20 | 28 | | 2029 | | | | |
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| (Strategic Objective Alignment) | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
| 15. Dynamic Ancillary Services | White Paper | | | | Implementation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Reliability/Efficiency) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Large scale EMT need and strategy | White Paper | | | | POC 🛞 | | | Charter | | Implem | entatior | 1 | | | | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17. Open-source data and models | Synt | hetic ne | etwork | D | ata sets | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Reliability) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. Topology Optimization | F | Proof of | Conce | ot | lm | olement | tation | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Reliability/Efficiency) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |







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