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## Item 13.2: Non-Opt-In Entity (NOIE) Load Zone Change

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Board of Directors Meeting

December 8-9, 2025

- **Purpose**  
Introduce the request of [Lamar Electric Cooperative](#) (Lamar) for ERCOT to change Lamar's Load Zone.
- **Background**  
Lamar indicates that it left [Rayburn Generation and Transmission Cooperative Group](#) in 2018 to better serve its membership, and it anticipates greater flexibility in serving its portfolio by transitioning to the North Load Zone.
- **Voting Item**  
Board approval is requested to transfer Lamar from the Rayburn County Electric Cooperative Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone.

### Key Takeaways

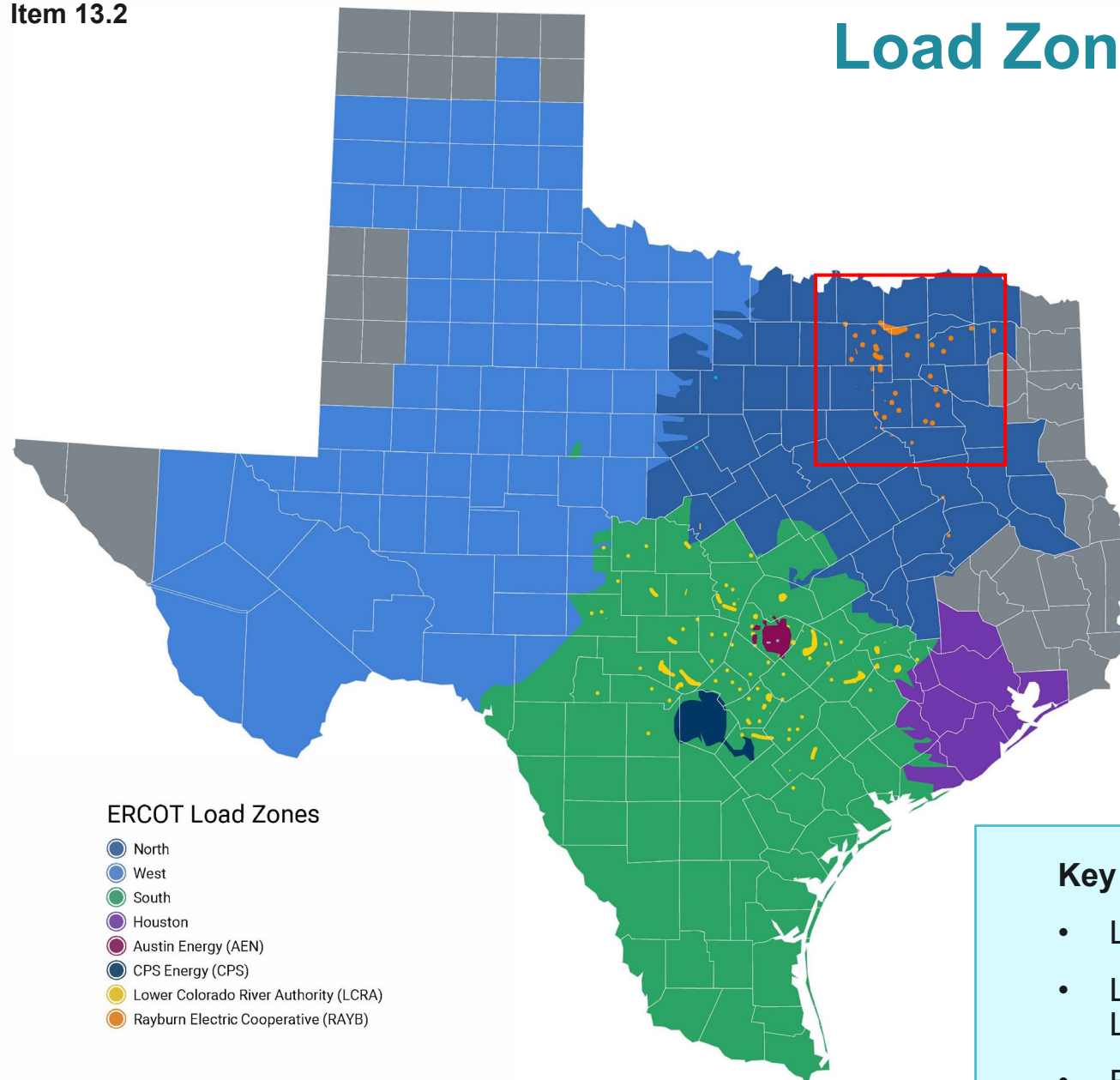
- [Protocols](#) only require approval of the ERCOT Board of Directors (Board)
- Board-approved changes go into effect 48 months after the end of the month in which change was approved
- Effective date would be January 1, 2030

# Load Zones are in Northern Texas

Two Loads currently associated with the Rayburn Electric Cooperative NOIE Load Zone would transition to the North Load Zone.

## Precedents for Board approval

- Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative moved from LCRA NOIE Load Zone to appropriate Competitive Load Zone (2016, expiration of power supply arrangement with LCRA)
- Hamilton County Electric Cooperative to move from Competitive North Load Zone to LCRA NOIE Load Zone (2029, post Brazos bankruptcy contract)



### ERCOT Load Zones

- North
- West
- South
- Houston
- Austin Energy (AEN)
- CPS Energy (CPS)
- Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)
- Rayburn Electric Cooperative (RAYB)

### Key Takeaways:

- Lamar total 2024 average daily use: 1,144 MWh
- Lamar total 2024 average Four Coincident Peak (4CP) Load: ~60 MW
- ERCOT staff have identified no reason to not approve Lamar's request

Source: [ERCOT Media Kit Maps](#)





**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.<sup>1</sup>

On September 18, 2025, Lamar Electric Cooperative requested to transfer load from the Rayburn NOIE Load Zone to the Competitive North Load Zone. Lamar indicates that it left Rayburn Generation and Transmission Cooperative Group in 2018 to better serve its membership, and it anticipates greater flexibility in serving its portfolio by transitioning to the 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:**

<sup>1</sup> 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.



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 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.

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Brandon Gleason

Assistant Corporate Secretary