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| PGRR Number | [133](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/PGRR133) | PGRR Title | Clarifying Legacy Generation Breaker Control for PGRR115 Implementation |
| Date of Decision | | November 6, 2025 | |
| Action | | Tabled | |
| Timeline | | Urgent – to correct grey-boxed language prior to implementation of PGRR115, Related to NPRR1234, Interconnection Requirements for Large Loads and Modeling Standards for Loads 25 MW or Greater. | |
| Proposed Effective Date | | To be determined | |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | | To be determined | |
| Planning Guide Sections Requiring Revision | | 5.2.10, Required Interconnection Equipment | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | None | |
| Revision Description | | This Planning Guide Revision Request (PGRR) corrects for unintentional operational risk in grey-boxed language adopted in PGRR115. | |
| 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 | | PGRR115 included one change unrelated to the interconnection of Large Loads – specifically, a revision to Section 5 adding grey-boxed Section 5.2.10 that specifies that fault-protective breakers “be under the remote control of the applicable Transmission Operator (TO) and capable of being operated remotely to comply with an instruction from ERCOT.”  The remote operation of generator breakers by a third party presents significant operational concerns for operators of power plants that were built prior to unbundling, where the determination of which breakers are at “each Point of Interconnection (POI)” may not be self-evident. It is not typical for TOs to control generation breakers, and that concern is particularly heightened for nuclear power plants, where remote operation of generator breakers by a third party (including a TO) could represent a security risk. The generator breakers must be under the control of the reactor operator.  Accordingly, to avoid a potential unintended consequence of the vague phrasing of new Section 5.2.10, Vistra recommends striking the last sentence of Section 5.2.10. While this does not resolve the vague phrasing directly, it is unnecessary to do so: Vistra supports the general intent of the provision that protective equipment exists to prevent the propagation of a fault current across the broader bulk electric system; Vistra’s concern is limited to the presumption that all implicated breakers need to be capable of remote operation by a third party. Further, as ERCOT stated in its January 24, 2025 comments on PGRR115 in response to similar concerns raised by ERCOT Steel Mills regarding similar language that PGRR115 was adding for Large Loads in Section 9.2.5, “the removal of this phrase does not impact the overall requirements of this Section as existing Protocols already require TOs and QSEs to comply with ERCOT operating instructions with respect to equipment under their control when such actions are needed to maintain the reliability of the ERCOT System.”[[1]](#footnote-1) | |
| ROS Decision | | On 11/6/25, ROS voted to grant PGRR133 Urgent status. There was one opposing vote from the Independent Generator (Southern Power) Market Segment and one abstention from the Independent Generator (EDF Power Solutions) Market Segment. ROS then voted unanimously to table PGRR133. All Market Segments participated in both votes. | |
| Summary of ROS Discussion | | On 11/6/25, the sponsor provided an overview of PGRR133 and the request for urgency. ERCOT Staff presented the 11/5/25 ERCOT comments. Participants discussed the appropriateness of remote control of breakers for facilities, particularly nuclear locations, and requested additional time to review the implications of PGRR133 and the unboxing of PGRR115. ERCOT Staff noted their willingness to delay the unboxing of 5.2.10 to allow time for additional discussions. | |

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| **Opinions** | |
| **Credit Review** | Not applicable |
| **Independent Market Monitor Opinion** | To be determined |
| **ERCOT Opinion** | To be determined |
| **ERCOT Market Impact Statement** | To be determined |

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| **Comments Received** | |
| **Comment Author** | **Comment Summary** |
| ERCOT 110525 | Proposed revisions to restore language in paragraph (1) and add a new paragraph (2) to grandfather existing Resources from the requirements of paragraph (1) until such time as a modification subject to Section 5.2.1, Applicability, is made. |

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| Market Rules Notes |

None

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| Proposed Guide Language Revision |

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| ***[PGRR115: Insert Section 5.2.10 below upon system implementation of NPRR1234:]***  ***5.2.10 Required Interconnection Equipment***  (1) Each POI for a Generation Resource, ESR, or SOG interconnected at transmission voltage to the ERCOT System must have a permanent configuration consisting of a station with breakers capable of interrupting fault current to sectionalize the transmission lines connecting the station to the ERCOT System. |

1. [115PGRR-17 ERCOT Comments 012425](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2025/01/24/115PGRR-17%20ERCOT%20Comments%20012425.docx) at 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)