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| NOGRR Number | [281](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NOGRR281) | NOGRR Title | Related to NPRR1307, Revised Definition of Mitigation Plan |
| Date of Decision | | January 8, 2026 | |
| Action | | Recommended Approval | |
| Timeline | | Normal | |
| Proposed Effective Date | | To be determined | |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | | To be determined | |
| Nodal Operating Guide Sections Requiring Revision | | 11.5, Mitigation Plan | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 1307, Revised Definition of Mitigation Plan | |
| Revision Description | | This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) modifies when an approved Mitigation Plan can be executed. | |
| 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 removes the immediate and post-contingency qualifier of when an approved Mitigation Plan can be executed. This change allows for Mitigation Plans to also be executed pre-contingency during specific conditions that threaten the reliability of the ERCOT grid, outlined in NPRR1307, which modifies the definition of a Mitigation Plan. This NOGRR also clarifies when a Transmission Operator (TO) can execute a Mitigation Plan without instruction from ERCOT. | |
| ROS Decision | | On 12/04/25, ROS voted unanimously to table NOGRR281. All Market Segments participated in the vote.  On 1/8/26, ROS voted unanimously to recommend approval of NOGRR281 as submitted. All Market Segments participated in the vote. | |
| Summary of ROS Discussion | | On 12/04/25, ERCOT Staff presented NOGRR281. Participants requested additional time for review by the Operations Working Group (OWG).  On 1/8/26, participants reviewed the OWG discussion. | |

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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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| Market Rules Notes |

None

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| Proposed Guide Language Revision |

**11.5 Mitigation Plan**

(1) Mitigation Plans are defined in Protocol Section 2.1, Definitions, and shall not be used to manage constraints in Security-Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED). Normally, it is desirable that a Transmission Service Provider (TSP) constructs Transmission Facilities adequate to eliminate the need for a Mitigation Plan; however, in some circumstances, such construction may be unachievable in the available time frame.

(2) A Mitigation Plan may be proposed by any TSP, and be approved by ERCOT and the included Transmission Operator (TO) prior to implementation. Mitigation Plans must:

(a) Be coordinated with the TOs included in the Mitigation Plan;

(b) Limited in use to the time required to construct replacement Transmission Facilities; however, the Mitigation Plan will remain in effect if ERCOT has determined the replacement Transmission Facilities to be impractical;

(c) Comply with all requirements of the Protocols and applicable North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards;

(d) Clearly define and document TO actions;

(e) Be executed by TOs;

(f) Be able to be implemented in a timeframe that will not result in loss of the overloaded Transmission Facility;

(g) Identify the most limiting protective relay setting beyond the 15-Minute Rating when developing the Mitigation Plan in advance or as soon as practicable when developing the Mitigation Plan in Real-Time;

(h) Not subject ERCOT to unacceptable risk of widespread cascading Outages; and

(i) Not include generation re-Dispatch.

(3) An approved Mitigation Plan:

(a) shall be executed upon direction by ERCOT; or

(b) may be executed by the TO without instruction by ERCOT if necessary to address a reliability risk and notice of the execution must be provided to ERCOT as soon as practicable

(4) Restoration of any Load shed by executing the Mitigation Plan shall be coordinated with ERCOT.