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Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on the proposed batch study process for large load interconnection requests.

The batch study process should provide greater transparency for the wider ERCOT market. Currently, ERCOT market participants are struggling to understand where new large loads may come online. The current uncertainty impedes the market's ability to efficiently set forward prices. For example, ERCOT holds long-term CRR auctions, which provide forward price discovery for expected congestion. This price discovery helps project developers and investors make decisions, including where to locate generation resources, as well as hedge their potential congestion exposure. Uncertainty raises risk premiums, which ultimately raise costs for consumers.

ERCOT market participants should have access to certain information regarding large loads that have made it through the batch study process, including a list of approved loads, their sizes, and the locations at which they plan to interconnect with the grid. In addition, ERCOT market participants should have some information regarding the conditions and further steps that need to be met to interconnect and what portion of the load will be firm or in another category. ERCOT should also include basic information on the type of load, for instance, whether the studied load is for manufacturing, a data center, or crypto mining, and whether the load as studied included co-located generation.

This information is vital to efficient forward prices in the ERCOT and can be provided without out revealing customer-specific or competitively sensitive information regarding interconnecting large loads. Basic information regarding the size, location and character of studied load interconnection requests is necessary to provide meaningful "[l]oad flow cases, which may include estimated peak and off-peak Demand of any Load," to market participants, which are not Protected Information under ERCOT Protocol section 1.3.1.2(1)(a).

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