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| NPRR Number | [1319](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1319) | NPRR Title | Modifications to Seasonal Mothball Periods and Clarification to Evaluation Process |
| Date of Decision | | January 14, 2026 | |
| Action | | Tabled | |
| Timeline | | Normal | |
| Proposed Effective Date | | To be determined | |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | | To be determined | |
| Nodal Protocol Sections Requiring Revision | | 3.14.1.2, ERCOT Evaluation Process  3.14.1.2.1, ERCOT Steps after Completing Evaluation Process Regarding NSO of Generation Resource(s) Proposed to be Decommissioned or Suspended (new)  3.14.1.2.1, ERCOT Evaluation of Seasonal Mothball Status  22E, Notification of Suspension of Operations | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | None | |
| Revision Description | | This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) prohibits a Generation Resource from being placed on a seasonal mothball status during the winter season, defined in the Protocols as December, January, and February. This expands beyond a prohibition currently in the Protocols that such units may not seasonally mothball from June 1st to September 30th of any given calendar year.  This NPRR also clarifies ERCOT’s next steps after a Generation Resource proposal to be placed on seasonal mothball status has been evaluated. The current language in some cases requires ERCOT to prepare and post a Must-Run Alternative (MRA) “Request for Proposal” (RFP). Given that a request to seasonally mothball a Resource can be submitted as little as 90 days before the season begins, if ERCOT studies indicate a reliability concern of the seasonal mothball request, in most cases there is not enough time to effectively go through the MRA process and receive operational alternatives in a timely manner. This NPRR clarifies that ERCOT may, but is not required to, go through the MRA RFP process when it receives notice to place a unit on seasonal mothball status. | |
| 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 | | Currently, units can be placed on seasonal mothball status for all time periods except for June 1st through September 30th of a given calendar year. However, increasingly, the periods that ERCOT is at risk for capacity shortfalls occur during the winter. Therefore, ERCOT is proposing that units that wish to be on seasonal mothball status also be barred from mothball status from December 1st through February 29th of each calendar year.  Additionally, pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.502, Pricing Safeguards in Markets Operated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, a request to seasonally mothball a Resource can be submitted as little as 90 days before the season begins. The current Protocols indicate that even in this short period of time, ERCOT would be expected to go through an MRA process if the seasonal mothball request presents a reliability issue. However, in most cases 90 days would not allow enough time to effectively go through the MRA process and receive operational alternatives in a timely manner. This NPRR clarifies that ERCOT may, but is not required to, go through the MRA RFP process. | |
| PRS Decision | | On 1/14/26, PRS voted unanimously to table NPRR1319 and refer the issue to ROS and WMS. All Market Segments participated in the vote. | |
| Summary of PRS Discussion | | On 1/14/26, ERCOT Staff provided an overview of NPRR1319. Participants expressed concern for maintenance windows and requested further discussion at ROS and WMS. | |

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| **Opinions** | |
| **Credit Review** | To be determined |
| **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** |
| None |  |

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| ERCOT Market Rules Notes |

Please note the following NPRR(s) also propose revisions to the following section(s):

* NPRR1312, Revisions to the Standard Form Agreement (SFA)
  + Section 22E
* NPRR1317, Creation of Non-Settled Generator (NSG) and Clarification of the Types, Usage, and Registration of Distributed Generation
  + Section 3.14.1.9

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| Proposed Protocol Language Revision |

3.14.1.2 ERCOT Evaluation Process

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of Section 3.14.1.1, Notification of Suspension of Operations, upon receipt of an NSO under Section 3.14.1.1 ERCOT shall post the NSO on the ERCOT website and shall post on the MIS Secure Area all existing relevant studies and data and provide a Market Notice of the NSO and posting of the studies and data.

(2) Within 21 days after receiving the NSO described in paragraph (1) above, unless otherwise notified by ERCOT that a shorter comment period is required, Market Participants may submit comments to ERCOT on whether the Generation Resource(s) referenced in the NSO is necessary to support ERCOT System reliability or should qualify for a multi-year RMR Agreement. ERCOT shall consider and post all submitted comments on the MIS Secure Area.

(3) ERCOT shall conduct a reliability analysis of the need for any Generation Resource(s) with a summer Seasonal net max sustainable rating greater than or equal to 20 MW to support ERCOT System reliability. For Generation Resource(s) with a summer Seasonal net max sustainable rating less than 20 MW, ERCOT may conduct a reliability analysis if deemed appropriate by ERCOT following consultation with affected Transmission Service Provider(s) (TSP(s)).

(a) ERCOT shall use a Load forecast consistent with current Regional Transmission Plan assumptions and methodologies for the appropriate season(s). If additional new Generation Resources meet the criteria in Planning Guide Section 6.9, Addition of Proposed Generation to the Planning Models, ERCOT shall include those additional Generation Resources with the appropriate seasonal ratings.

(b) If the NSO indicates that the Generation Resource(s) will decommission or suspend operation, or in the case of a Forced Outage, has permanently ceased operation, ERCOT, in its sole discretion, may perform transmission reliability analysis over a planning horizon as defined by the available base cases but not to exceed two years.

(c) For purposes of the reliability analysis, ERCOT shall use the following criteria to identify a performance deficiency that is materially impacted by the Generation Resource:

(i) Without the Generation Resource, there are one or more Transmission Facilities loaded above their Normal Rating under pre-contingency conditions.

(ii) Without the Generation Resource, there is any instability or cascading for any of the following conditions:

(A) Pre-contingency;

(B) Normal system conditions followed by the contingency loss of a generating unit, transmission circuit, common tower outage, transformer, shunt device, or flexible alternating current transmission system (FACTS) device;

(C) Unavailability of a generating unit, followed by Manual System Adjustments, followed by the contingency loss of a generating unit, transmission circuit, common tower outage, transformer, shunt device, or FACTS device; or

(D) Unavailability of a 345/138 kV transformer, followed by Manual System Adjustments, followed by the contingency loss of a generating unit, transmission circuit, common tower outage, transformer, shunt device, or FACTS device.

(iii) Without the Generation Resource, there are one or more Transmission Facilities loaded above 110% of the Emergency Rating under normal system conditions followed by the contingency loss of a generating unit, transmission circuit, common tower outage, transformer, shunt device, or FACTS device.

(iv) For paragraphs (i) through (iii) above, the Generation Resource will only be deemed to have a material impact on a performance deficiency that is caused by a thermal overload(s) if the Generation Resource has a more than 2% unloading Shift Factor on the Transmission Facility(s) that is overloaded and more than 5% unloading impact on the Transmission Facility(s) that is overloaded. For purposes herein, an unloading impact is a measure of a reduction in flow on a Transmission Facility as a percent of its Rating due to a unit injection of power from the Generation Resource.

(v) ERCOT may, in its sole discretion, deviate from the above criteria in order to maintain ERCOT System reliability. However, ERCOT shall present its reasons for deviating from the above criteria to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and ERCOT Board.

(d) ERCOT, in consultation with affected TSP(s), may rely upon the results of past planning studies to determine if the Generation Resource is necessary to support ERCOT System reliability. The past planning studies must have used the same or more restrictive reliability criteria than the criteria described in paragraph (c) above.

(e) Additionally, ERCOT shall conduct any other analysis (e.g., operations studies) as required and shall post all study data and results and all analyses and its determination on the MIS Secure Area and issue a Market Notice of its determination.

**3.14.1.2.1 ERCOT Steps after Completing Evaluation Process Regarding NSO of Generation Resource(s) Proposed to be Decommissioned or Suspended**

(1) Within 30 days after receiving the NSO of a Resource Entity that intends to cease or suspend operation of a Generation Resource for a period of greater than 180 days, as described in Section 3.14.1.1, Notification of Suspension of Operations, ERCOT shall issue a Market Notice indicating the status of the reliability analysis referenced in paragraph (3) of Section 3.14.1.2, ERCOT Evaluation Process. The Market Notice will indicate one of the following:

(a) ERCOT has completed its reliability analysis and the Generation Resource is not required to support ERCOT System reliability;

(b) ERCOT has completed its reliability analysis and the analysis identifies a performance deficiency for which the Generation Resource has a material impact; or

(c) ERCOT has not completed its reliability analysis and will need additional time to complete the assessment.

(2) Within 60 days after receiving Part I and Part II of the NSO, ERCOT shall complete its reliability analysis described in paragraph (3) of Section 3.14.1.2 and shall issue a Market Notice describing the results of its reliability analysis if the results were not provided in the Market Notice issued under paragraph (1) above. If ERCOT determines that the Generation Resource is not needed to support ERCOT System reliability, then the Generation Resource may cease or suspend operations according to the schedule in its NSO, unless ERCOT in its sole discretion permits the Generation Resource to suspend operations at an earlier date, and ERCOT shall note this in the Market Notice.

(3) Within ten days after a determination by ERCOT that the proposed suspension of the Generation Resource would result in a performance deficiency on which the Generation Resource has a material impact, as described in Section 3.14.1.2, ERCOT shall issue a “Request for Proposal” (RFP) for Must-Run Alternatives (MRAs). ERCOT shall include in the RFP reasonably available information that would enable potential MRAs to assess the feasibility of submitting a proposal to provide a more cost‑effective alternative to the Generation Resource, including any known minimum technical requirements and/or operational characteristics required to eliminate the identified performance deficiency. The MRA RFP shall specify the expected number of hours that an MRA would be needed during the contract period, and the hours of the day, by season, that the MRA would be required to be available. ERCOT shall establish an RFP response schedule such that responses can be evaluated prior to 150 days after submittal of the NSO.

(4) Within ten days after a determination by ERCOT that the proposed suspension of the Generation Resource would result in a performance deficiency on which the Generation Resource has a material impact, as described in Section 3.14.1.2, the Resource Entity shall, if it has not already done so, complete and submit to ERCOT Part III of the NSO (Section 22, Attachment E, Notification of Suspension of Operations). ERCOT shall post the Part III information on the ERCOT website. Concurrently, the Generation Resource shall submit an initial estimated budget used in the calculation of the proposed Standby Cost and RMR fuel adder, prepared in accordance with Section 3.14.1.11, Budgeting Eligible Costs, and Section 3.14.1.20, Budgeting Fuel Costs, to ERCOT. On or before the 11th day after the determination or the receipt of Part III of the NSO, whichever comes first, ERCOT and the Resource Entity shall begin good faith negotiations on an RMR Agreement. These negotiations shall include the budgeting process for Eligible Costs and for fuel costs as detailed in Section 3.14.1.11 and Section 3.14.1.20.

(5) ERCOT shall issue a Market Notice on the status of the RMR Unit or MRA, including the start date, duration of the RMR or MRA Agreement, the Standby Cost ($/Hour) as applicable, and the amount of MW under contract, within 24 hours of signing an RMR or MRA Agreement with a Resource Entity.

(6) If, after 150 days following ERCOT’s receipt of Part I and Part II of the NSO, ERCOT has neither notified the Resource Entity that the continued operation of the Generation Resource is not required nor obtained ERCOT Board approval to enter into an RMR or MRA Agreement, then the Resource Entity may file a complaint with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) under subsection (e)(1) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.502, Pricing Safeguards in Markets Operated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

(7) If the ERCOT Board approves entering into an RMR Agreement but ERCOT and the Resource Entity have not both executed the RMR Agreement by the date on which the Resource Entity intends to cease or suspend operation of the Generation Resource, then the Resource Entity shall maintain that Generation Resource(s) so that it is available for Reliability Unit Commitment (RUC) commitment until no longer required to do so under subsection (e)(2) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.502. This paragraph does not apply to a Generation Resource that suspended operations due to a Forced Outage.

**3.14.1.2.2 ERCOT Steps after Completing Evaluation Process Regarding NSO of Generation Resource(s) Proposed to be Seasonally Mothballed**

(1) Within 30 days after receiving the NSO of a Resource Entity that intends to mothball a Generation Resource on a seasonal basis, as described in Section 3.14.1.1, Notification of Suspension of Operations, ERCOT shall issue a Market Notice indicating the status of the reliability analysis described in paragraph (3) of Section 3.14.1.2, ERCOT Evaluation Process. The Market Notice will indicate one of the following:

(a) ERCOT has completed its reliability analysis and the Generation Resource is not required to support ERCOT System reliability during the portion of the year when the Generation Resource would be unavailable;

(b) ERCOT has completed its reliability analysis and the analysis identifies a performance deficiency for which the Generation Resource has a material impact during the portion of the year when the Generation Resource would be unavailable; or

(c) ERCOT has not completed its reliability analysis and will need additional time to complete the assessment.

(2) Within 60 days after receiving Part I and Part II of the NSO, ERCOT shall complete its reliability analysis described in paragraph (3) of Section 3.14.1.2 and shall issue a Market Notice describing the results of its reliability analysis if the results were not provided in the Market Notice issued under paragraph (1) above. If ERCOT determines that the Generation Resource is not needed to support ERCOT System reliability, then the Generation Resource may mothball operations according to the schedule in its NSO, unless ERCOT in its sole discretion permits the Generation Resource to mothball operations at an earlier date, which ERCOT shall note in the Market Notice.

(3) Within ten days after a determination by ERCOT that the proposed seasonal mothball of the Generation Resource would result in a performance deficiency on which the Generation Resource has a material impact, as described in Section 3.14.1.2, ERCOT may issue an RFP) for MRAs. If ERCOT issues an RFP, ERCOT shall include in the RFP reasonably available information that would enable potential MRAs to assess the feasibility of submitting a proposal to provide a more cost effective alternative to the Generation Resource, including any known minimum technical requirements and/or operational characteristics required to eliminate the identified performance deficiency. The MRA RFP shall specify the expected number of hours that an MRA would be needed during the contract period, and the hours of the day, by season, that the MRA would be required to be available. ERCOT shall establish an RFP response schedule such that responses can be evaluated prior to 90 days after submittal of the NSO.

(4) Within ten days after a determination by ERCOT that the proposed seasonal mothball of the Generation Resource would result in a performance deficiency on which the Generation Resource has a material impact, as described in Section 3.14.1.2, the Resource Entity shall, if it has not already done so, complete and submit to ERCOT Part III of the NSO (Section 22, Attachment E, Notification of Suspension of Operations). ERCOT shall post the Part III information on the ERCOT website. Concurrently, the Generation Resource shall submit an initial estimated budget used in the calculation of the proposed Standby Cost and RMR fuel adder, prepared in accordance with Section 3.14.1.11, Budgeting Eligible Costs, and Section 3.14.1.20, Budgeting Fuel Costs, to ERCOT. On or before the 11th day after the determination or the receipt of Part III of the NSO, whichever comes first, ERCOT and the Resource Entity shall begin good faith negotiations on an RMR Agreement. These negotiations shall include the budgeting process for Eligible Costs and for fuel costs as detailed in Section 3.14.1.11 and Section 3.14.1.20.

(5) ERCOT shall issue a Market Notice on the status of the RMR Unit, including the start date, duration of the seasonal RMR Agreement, the Standby Cost ($/Hour) as applicable, and the amount of MW under contract, within 24 hours of signing any seasonal RMR Agreement with a Resource Entity.

(6) If ERCOT elected to suspend the RMR Agreement negotiations, and either did not seek or did not receive any qualified MRA RFP proposals, ERCOT must determine within 90 days that for the subsequent seasons the Generation Resource is proposed to be mothballed, it will seek an Agreement pursuant to paragraph (4) of Section 6.5.1.1, ERCOT Control Area Authority, or otherwise seek an agreement based on ERCOT’s general authority to maintain reliability.

(7) If the Generation Resource is to be mothballed on a seasonal basis, then the Resource Entity may file such a complaint with the PUCT under subsection (e)(1) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.502, Pricing Safeguards in Markets Operated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, if ERCOT has neither notified the Resource Entity that the continued operation of the Generation Resource is not required nor obtained ERCOT Board approval to enter into an RMR Agreement within 90 days following ERCOT’s receipt of Part I and Part II of the NSO.

(8) If the ERCOT Board approves entering into a seasonal RMR Agreement but ERCOT and the Resource Entity have not both executed the RMR Agreement by the date on which the Resource Entity intends to cease or suspend operation of the Generation Resource, then the Resource Entity shall maintain that Generation Resource(s) so that it is available for RUC commitment until no longer required to do so under subsection (e)(2) of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.502. This paragraph does not apply to a Generation Resource that suspended operations due to a Forced Outage.

3.14.1.9 Generation Resource/Energy Storage Resource Status Updates

(1) By April 1st and October 1st of each year and when material changes occur, every Resource Entity that owns or controls a Mothballed Generation Resource, a Mothballed Energy Storage Resource (ESR), or an RMR Unit shall report to ERCOT, on a unit-specific basis, the estimated lead time required for each Resource to be capable of returning to service and, in percentage terms, report probable generation capacity from each Resource that the Resource Entity expects to return to service in each Season of each of the next ten years.

(2) For modeling purposes, ERCOT and TSPs shall rely on the most recent submittal of the following two Notifications with respect to an RMR Unit, Mothballed Generation Resource, Mothballed ESR, or Decommissioned Generation Resource: Section 22, Attachment E, Notification of Suspension of Operations, or Section 22, Attachment H, Notification of Change of Resource Designation. Except in the case of an NSO submitted for a Resource temporarily suspending operation due to a Forced Outage, ERCOT shall post each submitted NSO and Notification of Change of Resource Designation to the ERCOT website and issue a Market Notice notifying Market Participants of the posting as soon as practicable, but no later than five Business Days after receipt.

(3) A Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR that is not mothballed indefinitely shall remain modeled in all ERCOT systems at all times, (i.e., will not be flagged as “mothballed” in ERCOT’s models) and, when it is not available, the Resource Entity shall designate the Resource as on Planned Outage in the Outage Scheduler.

(4) Except for Mothballed Generation Resources and Mothballed ESRs that operate under a Seasonal Operation Period, a Resource Entity with a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR shall notify ERCOT in writing no less than 30 days prior to the date on which the Resource Entity intends to return a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR to service by completing a Notification of Change of Resource Designation.

(5) A Resource Entity must submit a Notification of Change of Resource Designation no later than 60 days prior to the conclusion of an RMR Agreement.

(6) A Resource Entity with a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR that operates under a Seasonal Operation Period shall notify ERCOT in writing no less than 15 days prior to the date on which the Resource Entity intends to begin its Seasonal Operation Period if the first date of operation is prior to the date designated by the Resource Entity in its NSO. A Resource Entity with a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR that operates under a Seasonal Operation Period shall notify ERCOT in writing no less than 15 days prior to the end date designated by the Resource Entity in its NSO if the Resource Entity intends to suspend operation later than that date. Notifications under this Section shall be provided by the Resource Entity by completing a Notification of Change of Resource Designation form (Section 22, Attachment H).

(7) Once the Resource Entity notifies ERCOT that a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR is operating under a Seasonal Operation Period, the Resource Entity does not need to annually notify ERCOT of such status.

(8) A Resource Entity with a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR operating under a Seasonal Operation Period shall notify ERCOT in writing no less than 15 days prior to the date on which the Resource Entity intends to return the Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR to year-round operation by completing a Notification of Change of Resource Designation form (Section 22, Attachment H).

(9) A Resource Entity with a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR that is not currently mothballed indefinitely must notify ERCOT in writing, by completing an NSO (Section 22, Attachment E), no less than 150 days before the date on which the Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR is to be suspended indefinitely or retired and decommissioned.

(10) ERCOT may request that a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR operating under a Seasonal Operation Period be available for operation between March 1st and May 31st and/or October 1st and November 30th of any given calendar year. If ERCOT identifies a specific Resource Entity or QSE with which it will discuss such a request in an attempt to reach a mutually agreeable resolution, ERCOT shall issue a Notice as soon as practicable. The Notice shall include the Resource name and, as applicable, the Resource mnemonic, the Resource MW rating by Season, and the potential duration of the extended operation period, including anticipated start and end dates. If agreement is reached for the Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR to be available for operation between March 1st and May 31st and/or October 1st and November 30th, the Resource Entity shall complete, within two Business Days, a Notification of Change of Resource Designation form (Section 22, Attachment H).

(11) If ERCOT and the Resource Entity or QSE cannot reach a mutual agreement to make the Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR operating under a Seasonal Operation Period available between March 1st and May 31st and/or October 1st and November 30th of any given calendar year, then ERCOT may exercise its ability to bring the Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR operating under a Seasonal Operating Period into the market under an Agreement pursuant to paragraph (4) of Section 6.5.1.1, ERCOT Control Area Authority.

(12) ERCOT may evaluate, on an annual basis, Mothballed Generation Resources and Mothballed ESRs operating under a Seasonal Operation Period for RMR Service to address ERCOT System reliability during the portion of the year when the Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR would be unavailable.

(13) A Resource Entity that submitted an NSO as a result of a Forced Outage must notify ERCOT of its intent to return to service as soon as practicable by updating its status in the Outage Scheduler and Current Operating Plan (COP) and is not required to submit a Notification of Change of Resource Designation.

(14) Before retiring and decommissioning either a Mothballed Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR is mothballed indefinitely or an RMR Unit that would otherwise become a Mothballed Generation Resource upon expiration of an RMR Agreement, a Resource Entity shall notify ERCOT of the expected retirement by submitting a completed Notification of Change of Resource Designation form (Section 22, Attachment H). The date of retirement indicated on the form shall comply with the requirements of Section 3.10.1, Time Line for Network Operations Model Changes.

(15) If a Generation Resource or Mothballed ESR is designated as decommissioned and retired pursuant to any of the above provisions, ERCOT will permanently remove the Resource from the ERCOT registration systems in accordance with Section 3.10.1. Except as provided in paragraph (16) below, if a Resource Entity decides to bring a Decommissioned Generation Resource back to service at a later date, it will be considered a new Resource and must follow the Generator Interconnection or Modification (GIM) process detailed in the Planning Guide. If the Resource is designated as mothballed, ERCOT and TSPs will consider the Resource mothballed until the Resource Entity indicates a definitive return to service date pursuant to this Section.

(16) A Resource Entity may bring a Decommissioned Resource back to service without following the GIM process if the operating characteristics of the Resource are materially identical to the characteristics of the Resource as it existed prior to the date of decommissioning and the Resource Entity submits a Notification of Change of Resource Designation (Section 22, Attachment H) within three years of the date the Generation Resource was removed from the ERCOT Network Operations Model. The date of return proposed in the Notification must be a Network Operations Model load date that is no earlier than 45 days and no later than 180 days from the date of the Resource Entity’s Notification. ERCOT may delay the Network Operations Model load date based on the timing of the Resource Entity’s submission of complete Resource registration data. If the Resource Entity is not the Resource Entity that was associated with the Generation Resource at the time it was removed from the model, the Resource Entity shall provide ERCOT documentation that establishes the Resource Entity’s ownership of the Generation Resource.

(a) Notwithstanding the proposed date of return reflected in the Notification, as a condition for the synchronization of the Resource, ERCOT or the interconnecting Transmission and/or Distribution Service Provider (TDSP) may require any studies, testing, metering, or facility upgrades that ERCOT or the TDSP deem necessary for the reliable interconnection of the Resource, and ERCOT may require the Resource Entity to resolve any operational concern associated with the Resource. The TDSP may require the Resource Entity to compensate the TDSP for any required studies or upgrades in the same manner contemplated for new Generation Resources by the ERCOT Planning Guide, the TDSP’s tariff, and the Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement (SGIA).

(b) If ERCOT or the TDSP requires any studies, testing, metering or facility upgrades, or if ERCOT determines that operational concerns must be addressed, the Resource Entity must complete the commissioning process within 90 days of the date of synchronization, subject to any extension authorized by ERCOT for good cause.

(c) Any Resource that returns to service pursuant to this paragraph is entitled to any exemption from ERCOT requirements that the Resource was entitled to at the time it was removed from the model if the exemption still exists under ERCOT rules.

**ERCOT Nodal Protocols**

**Section 22**

**Attachment E: Notification of Suspension of Operations**

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**Notification of Suspension of Operations of a Generation Resource or Energy Storage Resource**

This Notification is required for providing notification of any Generation Resource or Energy Storage Resource (ESR) suspension lasting greater than 180 days. Information may be inserted electronically to expand the reply spaces as necessary.

The Notification must be signed, notarized and delivered to ERCOT. Delivery may be accomplished via email to [MPRegistration@ercot.com](mailto:MPRegistration@ercot.com) (if a scanned copy) or via facsimile (Attention: Market Participant Registration) at (512) 225-7079.

ERCOT may request additional information as reasonably necessary to support operations under the ERCOT Protocols.

**Part I:**

Resource Entity:

DUNS Number:

Resource Site Name:

Resource Site Location (County):

Unit Name(s):

Resource Name(s) (Unit Code/Mnemonic):

ESI ID:

Seasonal Net Max Sustainable Rating – Summer (MW):

Seasonal Net Minimum Sustainable Rating – Summer (MW):

Transmission Facilities that will be deactivated or removed from service as part of the suspension of operations of the unit(s):

**Part II:**

As of [Date],[[1]](#footnote-1) the Resource(s) will be limited or unavailable for Dispatch by ERCOT because Resource Entity will [check one]:

decommission and retire the Resource(s) permanently for a reason other than a Forced Outage,[[2]](#footnote-2)

suspend operation on a year-round basis (*i.e.*, mothball) and begin operation on a seasonal basis with a Seasonal Operation Period that begins on [Date] and ends on [Date]. The Seasonal Operation Period must be inclusive of June 1 through September 30 and December 1 through February 29,

temporarily suspend operation (*i.e.*, mothball) of the Resource(s) for a period of not less than     months and not greater than     months due to some reason other than a Forced Outage, or

indefinitely suspend operation (*i.e.*, mothball) of the Resource(s).

On [Date], the Resource experienced a Forced Outage. As a result of the Forced Outage, the Resource Entity intends to [check one]:

decommission and retire the Resource(s) permanently,2

temporarily suspend operation of the Resource(s), with an estimated return date of [Date], or

indefinitely suspend operation (*i.e.*, mothball) of the Resource(s).

Check if applicable:  Resource Entity believes that this Resource(s) is inoperable due to emissions limitations or not being repairable.

Operational and Environmental Limitations (check and describe all that apply):

(a) Operational:

Maximum annual hours of operation:

Maximum annual MWhs:

Maximum annual starts:

Other:

(b) Environmental:

Maximum annual NOx emissions:

Maximum annual SO2 emissions:

Other:

**Part III:**

Estimated RMR Fuel Adder ($/MMBtu):

Proposed Initial Standby Cost ($/hr):

I understand and agree that this Notification is not confidential and does not constitute Protected Information under the ERCOT Protocols.

I hereby certify that the proposed, estimated Fuel Adder, Standby Costs, and attached budget are accurate at the time of submittal, necessary, and do not exceed fair-market value.

The undersigned certifies that I am an officer or executive of Resource Entity, that I am authorized to execute and submit this Notification on behalf of Resource Entity, and that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Name:

Title:

Date:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, known by me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, who, after first being sworn by me deposed and said:

“I am an officer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am authorized to execute and submit the foregoing Notification on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the statements contained in such Notification are true and correct.”

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Pursuant to Protocol Section 3.14.1.1, Notification of Suspension of Operations, this date must be at least 150 days (or 90 days if the Resource will mothball and operate under a Seasonal Operation Period) from the date ERCOT receives this Notification. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. ERCOT will remove the Resource(s) from its registration systems if this option is selected. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)