



Item 6: Stakeholder Engagement Topic – Comprehensive Transmission Planning

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Purpose

For ERCOT Members to provide the Board of Directors additional perspective and insight on how selected key issues in the ERCOT Region impact different types of Market Participants.

For information only

No action is requested; for discussion only.

Key Takeaways

- A cross section of Market Participant Segments have been invited to provide insight on high impact projects and policy matters at the Board.
- Discussion is intended to help frame the issue as ERCOT evolves the ERCOT transmission planning process.
- Speakers have been selected to provide perspective for their respective Segments and views expressed are their own.

Comprehensive Transmission Planning – Membership Segments

Transmission Service Provider

- Kristian Koellner, Lower Colorado River Authority
 - *EVP & COO, Transmission*
- Ed De Varona, CenterPoint Energy
 - *Senior Vice President Electric Business*

Independent Generator

- Bryan Sams, Constellation Energy
 - *Vice President, Regulatory and Government Affairs*
- Bob Helton, ENGIE North America
 - *Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs*

Industrial Consumer

- Doug Lewin, Eric Schubert, and Chris Matos, Google
 - *Energy Market Development*