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Batch Zero Eligibility Verification Process Update

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- Review timeline
- Reviewing teams
- Emerging trends
- Next steps

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Batch Zero Eligibility Verification Requests for Information (RFI)

First Round RFI Review Update

Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) timely submitted all first round RFIs. Several groups within ERCOT, as well as outside legal counsel, have reviewed the responses from 257 developers, approximately 5,140 questions.

Second Round RFIs Are Being Issued

ERCOT is finalizing its review, conducting consistency checks, and issuing second RFIs. ERCOT expects to send RFIs to 80% of the developers. The RFIs are tailored to each developer and have fewer questions. Consistent with Planning Guide Section 9.1(8), the second round RFIs provide developers a "reasonable opportunity" to explain any deficiencies. 5 Business Day deadline.

ERCOT Teams Involved in the Verification Review Process

Finance

Review letters of credit, including bank ratings, and parental or corporate guaranties.

Weatherization Inspectors

Review site plans and equipment for financial security for system upgrades and direct interconnection costs.

Engineers

Review long-lead time equipment and studies for system upgrades.

Legal

ERCOT Legal, working with outside counsel, review site control evidence, agreements, financial security documentation and evaluate it against Planning Guide Section 9 requirements.

Internal Audit

Develop tools for tracking the review process for project consistency and monitoring of issues.

Emerging, Recurring Issues

Although ERCOT has not completed its review, common issues are emerging:

- Lack of documentation to establish affiliate relationships
- Inability to demonstrate site control
- Inability to establish long-lead time equipment ordered and will be delivered before energization
- Difficulty confirming the amount of financial security posted

Concluding the Verification Process

ERCOT must complete its review this month to file a report with the PUCT on **December 10, 2026**.

ERCOT encourages developers, TSPs, and Distribution Service Providers (DSPs) to respond as soon as possible with the additional information. ERCOT may reach out to Interconnecting TSPs and DSPs to discuss deficiencies.