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AGENDA ITEM NO.: 12

CAPTION: Docket No. 24770- Petition of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas for Approval of the ERCOT Protocols. (Final Order)

ACTION REQUESTED: Memo from Commissioner Perlman

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Memorandum

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TO: Chairman Becky Klein
Commissioner Julie Parsley

FROM: Commissioner Brett A. Perlman

DATE: August 6, 2003

RE: **Item #12, Docket No. 24770- Petition of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas for Approval of the ERCOT Protocols. (Final Order)**

I suggest that we add a clarifying footnote on page 12 of the Order. The footnote would be added at the end of the last sentence in the paragraph setting forth the Commission's decision on DPL Issue No. 5, on extending the application of the Market Solution test to all local reliability service procurements. In response to suggestions from Staff and ERCOT, PDD had added the language "except as necessary to correct flaws in service selection and pricing" to the last sentence; however, I think we should add a footnote recognizing ERCOT's recent decision to suspend the application of the Market Solution test through the end of this year, in order to correct the operation of the concept. Specifically, I propose the following footnote:

"On July 31, 2003, the ERCOT Board of Directors voted to adopt Protocol Revision Request 440, removing the consideration of a Market Solution for energy payments for local-congestion management from August 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. This action was consistent with the Commission's July 25, 2003 open-meeting discussion of the extremely high local balancing energy service payments in June 2003."

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Results of Vote by Written Consent of ERCOT Board of Directors

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Results of Vote by Written Consent of ERCOT Board of Directors

WHO:

ERCOT Board of Directors, chaired by Mike Greene. The Board is comprised of 22 members, including Becky Klein, Chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

WHAT:

ERCOT Board of Directors voted by written consent in favor of immediately adopting PRR 440, which removes the consideration of a Market Solution for energy payments for Local Congestion management until December 31, 2003. More than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the directors voted in favor of the immediate adoption of PRR 440.

WHEN:

The PRR was approved on July 31, 2003 for an effective date of August 1, 2003.

MORE INFORMATION:

More information about PRR 440 may be obtained at
<http://www.ercot.com/calendar/2003calendar/2003Boardmaterials.htm>

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