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OF TEXAS

REVIEW OF SUMMER 2021 ERCOT §
MARKET PERFORMANCE §
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ORDER WAIVING ERCOT NODAL PROTOCOL AND DIRECTING ACTIONS

The Commission waives a portion of Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Nodal Protocol § 1.3.1.1(1)(c) for the time period of June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. Specifically, the Commission waives the portion of the nodal protocol that requires protected information (as defined by ERCOT in Nodal Protocol § 1.3.1.1) for maintenance-level outages and forced outages be kept confidential for 60 days. To protect certain competitive information, the Commission further specifies that the Protected Information may remain confidential for three business days.

Additionally, the Commission directs ERCOT to make specific information that generators provide to ERCOT available to the public, with access to such information visible and easily located on the front page of ERCOT’s website. The maintenance-level outage and forced-outage information that is provided to ERCOT and must be made available to the public includes the following information on a generation unit basis, the name of the generation units, the amount of unavailable capacity, the cause of the outage, and when the generation units are projected to return to service. Going forward, any maintenance-level-outage and forced outage information must be made available to the public on ERCOT’s website within three business days of the outage. For any maintenance-level outages and forced outages that took place from June 1, 2021 until the date of this Order, such information must be made available on the ERCOT website within seven calendar days of this Order.

Section 39.151(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA)¹ gives the Commission complete authority over ERCOT’s operations and provides that any rules adopted by ERCOT are subject to the Commission’s continuing oversight. Also, in accordance with 16 Texas

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code §§ 11.001- 66.016.

Administrative Code § 25.361(b)(16), ERCOT must perform any duties required by Commission order.

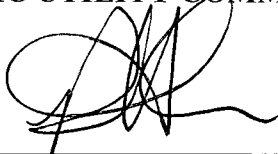
I. Ordering Paragraphs

Accordingly, the Commission issues the following orders:

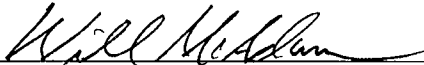
1. The Commission waives the portion of ERCOT Nodal Protocol § 1.3.1.1(1)(c) that protects maintenance-level-outage and forced-outage information for 60 days.
2. The Commission directs ERCOT to make available to the public maintenance-level outage and forced-outage information that generators provide to ERCOT. This information includes, on a generation-unit basis, the name of the generation units, the amount of unavailable capacity, the cause of the outage, and when the generation units are projected to return to service. The information must be visible and easily located on the front page of ERCOT's website.
3. As directed in ordering paragraph 2, above, the Commission directs ERCOT to make information on maintenance-level outages and forced outages that took place June 1, 2021 through the date of this Order available to the public on its website within seven calendar days of this Order.
4. As directed in ordering paragraph 2, above, the Commission directs ERCOT to make information on maintenance-level outages and forced outages from the date of this Order through September 30, 2021 available to the public on its website within three business days of the outage.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 30th day of June 2021.

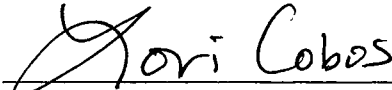
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