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Memorandum

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RE: Project No. 53911 - *Aggregated Distributed Energy Resource ERCOT Pilot Project*

On September 26, 2022, the Aggregated Distributed Energy Resource Task Force (Task Force) filed its first quarterly report in Project Number 53911, *Aggregated Distributed Energy Resource (ADER) ERCOT Pilot Project*. The report details Phase I of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Pilot Project (Pilot Project) makes recommendations to ERCOT and the Commission and provides a timeline for initiation of the Pilot Project.

Timeline

The proposed timeline in the Task Force's report calls for ERCOT to begin accepting Distribution Service Provider Acknowledgments and Supplements to the Standard Form Market Participant Agreement from Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs) beginning on November 1, 2022. However, the next scheduled meeting at which the Commission can consider ERCOT Board actions taken on October 18, 2022 (as contemplated in the report timeline) is November 3, 2022. Therefore, the draft Pilot Project Governing Document should be amended such that ERCOT begins accepting the relevant documents no earlier than November 4, 2022.

Registration of ADER with the Commission

The Task Force's report recommends that the Commission develop a registration form for ADERs registered with ERCOT to also register with the Commission as part of the Pilot Project.

Commission Staff agrees with the Task Force's recommendation and proposes to develop a form for ADERs registered with ERCOT to also register with the Commission. Prior to November 18, 2022, Commission Staff, in consultation with the Task Force, can develop the form. Prior to ERCOT approving an ADER registration, these entities would be required to register with the Commission. Commission Staff will post the ADER registration form on the Commission's website.