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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Julie Gauldin, Market Analysis Division

**DATE:** October 7, 2024

**RE:** Project No. 55845 – *Review of Ancillary Services (AS) in the ERCOT Market*  
**Questions for Stakeholder Comment Related to Draft Study**

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On October 1, 2024, Staff filed the draft report, which included ERCOT's and IMM's recommendations.<sup>1</sup> Commission Staff identified several aspects of the report on which it seeks stakeholder feedback. Responses to the questions posed below may be filed through the Interchange on the Commission's website or by submitting a paper copy to Central Records, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Responses to the questions are due by **October 21, 2024**. All filings should reference Project No. 55845.

**Each set of responses should include a standalone executive summary as the last page of the filing and be no longer than 12 pages excluding the executive summary. This executive summary must be clearly labeled with the submitting entity's name and list each substantive recommendation made in the comments referencing the specific question number.**

1. Which of the following is the proper criterion for ERCOT to use to determine AS procurement quantities: avoiding Watches, avoiding Energy Emergency Alerts, or avoiding load shed? Please explain your choice.
2. What are the possible positive and negative impacts of calculating the AS amounts dynamically? Besides implementation costs, are there any important implementation considerations for this suggestion not mentioned in the report?
3. What are the possible positive and negative impacts of calculating the minimum AS amounts using a probabilistic model instead of the statistical approach currently used? Besides implementation costs, are there any important implementation considerations for this suggestion not mentioned in the report?
4. How should other services that support grid reliability but are not procured day ahead, such as Emergency Response Service and Firm Fuel Supply Service, be taken into consideration within this review, for example with respect to the proper criterion to determine AS quantities?
5. How should procurement quantities for Dispatchable Reliability Reserve Service be calculated and incorporated to the annual AS methodology as an ancillary service to support operational reliability?
6. Are there any other aspects of the filed draft report that the Commission should consider in developing its final recommendations?

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<sup>1</sup> See AS Study Draft Report and Next Steps, AIS Item No. 13 (October 1, 2024).