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# RULEMAKING RELATING TO CYBERSECURITY MONITOR

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## NOTICE OF TEXAS CYBERSECURITY MONITOR PROGRAM FEE

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.367(n)(2)(B), Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) submits this Notice of Texas Cybersecurity Monitor Program Fee for the 2025 calendar year.

### **I. Background**

Texas Senate Bill 936 (S.B. 936), 86th Legislature, Regular Session, authorized the creation of a cybersecurity monitor program (Texas Cybersecurity Monitor Program) for certain electric utilities and granted the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) the authority to adopt rules necessary to implement the program. S.B. 936 mandates the Commission and ERCOT contract with an entity to serve as the Commission's cybersecurity monitor. It also provides that "an electric utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative that operates solely outside the ERCOT power region may elect to participate in the cybersecurity monitor program." These "non-ERCOT utilities" are required by statute to contribute to the costs of the Texas Cybersecurity Monitor Program in the event they elect to participate.

Following S.B. 936, the Commission adopted P.U.C. Subst. R. § 25.367, which in part requires ERCOT obtain approval of the non-refundable fixed fee amount and calculation methodology applicable to non-ERCOT utilities that elect to participate. It also requires ERCOT file and post notice of the approved fee on or before October 1, 2024, for the 2025 program year.

# II. Fee for 2025 Program Year

On September 13, 2024, ERCOT requested \$3,849.03 be approved as the fee amount for the 2025 calendar year (Attachment A). Ms. Connie Corona, Executive Director of the Commission, subsequently approved the proposed fee and underlying calculation methodology on September 17, 2024. Accordingly, pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. § 25.367(n)(2)(B), ERCOT hereby files notice that the fee for non-ERCOT utilities to participate in the Texas Cybersecurity Monitor Program for the 2025 calendar year shall be **\$3,849.03**. Notice of the fee will also be posted on ERCOT's website on or before October 1, 2024. ERCOT will also make available on its website a form participation agreement for non-ERCOT utilities to complete in order to participate in the Texas Cybersecurity Monitor Program.

Dated: September 25, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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