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| Market Segment | | Not Applicable | |

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| **Comments** |

On August 6, 2024, RMS reviewed Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 1237. RMS voted unanimously to endorse NPRR1237 as revised by RMS. All Market Segments participated in the vote.

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| **Revised Cover Page Language** |

None

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| **Revised Proposed Protocol Language** |

19.8 Retail Market Testing

(1) The Texas Standard Electronic Transaction (TX SET) Working Group works with the ERCOT flight administrator to develop and maintain a test plan and related testing standards for all retail transactional changes within the ERCOT market.

(2) Market Participants may be required to successfully test as a means of confirming that each Market Participant is qualified to transmit TX SET transactions as a result of approved changes prior to production implementation. Some of these changes include, but may not be limited to:

(a) North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Practice Standards version upgrade(s) as outlined in the TDTMS NAESB Electronic Delivery Mechanism V 1.6 Implementation Guide; and/or

(b) TX SET version release upgrade(s) as outlined in the Texas Standard Electronic Transaction Implementation Guides.

(3) ERCOT may also deem testing to be necessary by Market Participants in order that ERCOT may maintain retail systems’ performance, reliability and integrity as outlined in the Retail and ListServ Market IT Services Service Level Agreement and the Market Data Transparency Service Level Agreement.

(4) Testing of these changes shall be scheduled by ERCOT with approval by impacted Market Participants to allow ERCOT and all impacted Market Participants adequate time to modify their systems and participate in the testing process. Testing processes, procedures, schedules and success criteria are defined in the Texas Market Test Plan (TMTP) Guide and on the ERCOT website. The ERCOT flight administrator is the final authority on all levels of retail business process qualification among trading partners.

(5) ERCOT may enlist the services of an Independent Third Party Testing Administrator (ITPTA) for testing retail processes.

(6) For additional testing requirements for both new and existing Market Participants, please refer to the Texas Market Test Plan.