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| NPRR Number | [1262](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1262) | NPRR Title | Ancillary Service Opt Out Clarification |
| Date Posted | | November 19, 2024 | |
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| Requested Resolution | | Normal | |
| Nodal Protocol Sections Requiring Revision | | 6.4.9.1, Evaluation and Maintenance of Ancillary Service Capacity Sufficiency | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | None | |
| Revision Description | | This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) clarifies the ability for a Resource providing Ancillary Services to opt out of that provision. | |
| Reason for Revision | | [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 1 – Be an industry leader for grid reliability and resilience  [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 2 - Enhance the ERCOT region’s economic competitiveness with respect to trends in wholesale power rates and retail electricity prices to consumers  [Strategic Plan](https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2023/08/25/ERCOT-Strategic-Plan-2024-2028.pdf) Objective 3 - Advance ERCOT, Inc. as an independent leading industry expert and an employer of choice by fostering innovation, investing in our people, and emphasizing the importance of our mission  General system and/or process improvement(s)  Regulatory requirements  ERCOT Board/PUCT Directive  *(please select ONLY ONE – if more than one apply, please select the ONE that is most relevant)* | |
| Justification of Reason for Revision and Market Impacts | | Confusion exists as to whether the provisions in Section 6.4.9.1 allow for a specific Resource to opt out of providing an Ancillary Service. This revision ensures all parties know and understand this feature exists in the ERCOT market and how it is implemented. | |

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| Proposed Protocol Language Revision |

6.4.9.1 Evaluation and Maintenance of Ancillary Service Capacity Sufficiency

(1) ERCOT shall evaluate Ancillary Service requirements and capacity sufficiency using evaluation tools including the Ancillary Services Capacity Monitor, described in Section 6.5.7.5, Ancillary Services Capacity Monitor, throughout the Adjustment Period and Operating Period.

(2) ERCOT may procure Ancillary Services in the Adjustment Period for the following reasons:

(a) Increased need of Ancillary Services capacity above that specified in the Day-Ahead;

(b) Replacement of Ancillary Services capacity that is infeasible due to transmission constraints; or

(c) Replacement of Ancillary Services capacity due to failure to provide.

(3) A QSE may opt out of supplying an Ancillary Service with specific, qualified Resources by designating alternative, qualified Resources to supply Ancillary Services under Section 3.9, Current Operating Plan (COP), using the QSE’s Ancillary Service Resource Responsibility in the COP only if, in ERCOT’s determination, that change does not adversely affect the feasibility of the service(s) being allocated to an alternate Resource and if that change does not adversely affect the feasibility of other services previously procured by ERCOT. A QSE may not change the quantity provided of each type of Ancillary Services awarded through the ERCOT procurement process or the aggregate Self-Arranged Ancillary Service Quantity (by Ancillary Service type) from the DAM. On detection of a change in COP for Resources providing Ancillary Services, ERCOT shall review the impact on feasibility and communicate to the QSE if the change is not approved. The QSE must update its COP to reflect the ERCOT decision. If ERCOT does not act on the request by the beginning of the Operating Hour in which the change will take effect, the request is deemed approved.

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| [NPRR1010: Replace Section 6.4.9.1 above with the following upon system implementation of the Real-Time Co-Optimization (RTC) project:]  **6.4.9.1 Ancillary Service Offers**  (1) A detailed description of the Ancillary Service Offers and validations performed by ERCOT is in Section 4.4.7.2, Ancillary Service Offers.  (2) QSEs may update their Ancillary Service Offers in Real-Time. SCED shall use the latest updated Ancillary Service Offers available to it at the time of the SCED execution. |