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| NOGRR Number | [275](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NOGRR275) | NOGRR Title | Eliminate Scheduling Center Requirements for QSEs That Are Not WAN Participants |
| Date Posted | | February 28, 2025 | |
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| Requested Resolution | | Normal | |
| Nodal Operating Guide Sections Requiring Revision | | 3.2.1, Operating Obligations | |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | | None | |
| Revision Description | | This Nodal Operating Guide Revision Request (NOGRR) aligns the Nodal Operating Guide with changes in the Protocols to eliminate scheduling center requirements for Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs) that are not Wide Area Network (WAN) Participants. | |
| 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 | | This NOGRR is required to align the Nodal Operating Guide with changes in the Protocols made by Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 1206, Revisions to QSE Operations and Termination Requirements, and Elimination of Providing Certain Market Participant Principal Information, related to requirements for control or operations centers. | |

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| Market Rules Notes |

None

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| Proposed Guide Language Revision |

3.2.1 Operating Obligations

(1) Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs) that are Wide Area Network (WAN) Participants shall maintain a control or operations center with qualified personnel with the authority to commit and bind the QSE, as described in Protocol Section 16.2, Registration and Qualification of Qualified Scheduling Entities. QSEs shall communicate with ERCOT for the purpose of meeting their obligations specified in the Protocols and these Operating Guides. Each QSE shall designate an Authorized Representative as defined in Protocol Section 2.1, Definitions.

(2) QSEs that are WAN Participants shall submit to ERCOT, by March 15 of each year, a written back-up control plan to continue operation in the event the QSE’s control or operations center becomes inoperable. Back-up control plans shall be submitted to ERCOT via secured webmail or encrypted data transfer. QSEs shall request that a secure email account be created with ERCOT by sending an email to [shiftsupervisors@ercot.com](mailto:shiftsupervisors@ercot.com).

(3) Each back-up control plan shall be reviewed and updated annually and shall include as a minimum, the following:

(a) Description of actions to be taken by QSE personnel to avoid placing a prolonged burden on ERCOT and other Market Participants, while operating in back-up control mode;

(b) Description of specific functions and responsibilities to be performed to continue operations from an alternate location;

(c) Procedures and responsibilities for maintaining basic voice communications capabilities with ERCOT; and

(d) Procedures for back-up control function testing and the training of personnel.

(4) As an option, the back-up control plan may include arrangements made with another Entity to provide the minimum back-up control functions in the event the QSE’s primary functions are interrupted.

(5) For connectivity requirements for back-up sites, refer to Section 7, Telemetry and Communication.