

April 22, 2025

The Honorable Rich Paces
The Honorable Jeff Holt
Hill Country Energy Sub-Regional Planning Commission
700 Main Street, Suite 101
Kerrville, Texas 78028

Dear Commissioners Paces and Holt,

Thank you for your letter dated March 19, 2025, and for taking the time to meet via videoconference on March 28, 2025, to discuss ERCOT's role in the interconnection of new generation resources, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). It was a pleasure to meet both of you.

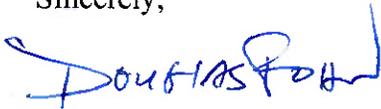
As discussed, ERCOT does not own generation, recommend where new generation should be located, or dictate the fuel source or technology used by new generation projects. Private businesses, electric cooperatives, or municipally owned utilities make these decisions based on various market considerations.

ERCOT's primary role is to ensure that any planned generation projects interconnect safely with the electric grid. As a result, ERCOT manages a generation interconnection process, which includes studies and testing, to confirm that new generation projects will not disrupt the reliable performance of the electric grid and are capable of performing applicable ERCOT operational requirements. ERCOT's interconnection process is governed by rules that are developed through a robust, public stakeholder process that includes approval by the ERCOT Board of Directors and the Public Utility Commission of Texas. ERCOT's rules, the ERCOT Protocols and the Planning Guide, as well as our public meetings, can be accessed through ERCOT's website (www.ercot.com).

ERCOT is unable to attend HCESRPC's formal meetings.¹ However, I am available to assist if you have any additional questions on our role.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,



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¹ ERCOT is not a state agency subject to Section 391.009 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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