



John Meyer: 2008 GCPA Power Star Award Recipient

As Chairman of the SPP Regional Entity Board of Trustees, John Meyer was the recipient of the 2008 Pat Wood Power Star Award in recognition of his significant contributions towards the advancement of competitive energy markets in the Texas region and nationwide. Meyer was a former long time employee of Houston Industries and more recently Reliant Energy before his retirement in 2007. In his current position as Chairman of the SPP Regional Entity Board of Trustees, Meyer serves as head of an elected three person board charged with overseeing the regional entity staff that focuses on the enforcement of the NERC Reliability Standards.

The citation for the award to Meyer highlights the work and leadership that he demonstrated while obtaining approval for Protocols at the Texas Public Utility Commission in late 2000. This task involved conducting over 200 stakeholder meetings and securing over 80% agreement among the stakeholders on the Protocol wording which defined the details of market design and settlement. The Commission ultimately approved the Protocols with only minimal revisions.

Earlier, Meyer led an effort that changed the complete governance and funding of ERCOT. His work also helped significantly increase ERCOT's operational authority, making it the wholesale transmission scheduler and central security center. Additionally, Meyer was a key player in negotiating and reaching a deal with the original vendors for the ERCOT hardware and software that led to the implementation of the 2001 ERCOT market and competition model.

"John Meyer's leadership and tireless efforts to both advance the evolution of a more inclusive structure and facilitate the acceptance of market oriented rules within ERCOT transformed the landscape that we currently operate in," said John Stauffacher, GCPA Executive Director. "John Meyer understood and appreciated the unique stakeholder driven process deeply imbedded within ERCOT's culture and was able to build consensus while negotiating through a maze of varied interests."