

PUC PROJECT NO. 51812

**ISSUES RELATED TO THE STATE OF § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
DISASTER FOR THE FEBRUARY 2021 §
WINTER WEATHER EVENT § OF TEXAS**

**ORDER DIRECTING ROTATION OF CUSTOMERS
SUBJECT TO CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE UNDER EEA3**

On February 12, 2021, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.014, in response to an extreme winter weather event, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Declaration of a State of Disaster for all counties in Texas.

Further, on February 15, 2021, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) declared its highest state of emergency, an Emergency Energy Alert Level 3 (EEA3), due to exceptionally high electric demand exceeding supply. ERCOT has directed transmission operators in the ERCOT region to curtail more than 10,000 megawatts (MW) of firm load. The ERCOT System is expected to remain in EEA3, and firm load shed is expected to continue, for a sustained period of time in light of the expected duration of the extreme weather event.

Further, many customers that were subjected to load shed have remained in an outage status for days. The expectation is that customers will be rotated through outages so that the burden is shared: that no customer's outage will last so long as to precipitate endangerment and so that all customers shared this burden in as equitable a manner as circumstances will allow.

Under the Nodal Operating Guides, load shedding obligations are imposed on distribution service providers.¹ Of this type of entities, the Commission's jurisdiction for purposes of this order extends to only such entities that meet the definition of transmission and distribution utility, which expressly does not include a municipally owned utility or an electric cooperative.² The Commission has extensive authority over a TDU's operations.

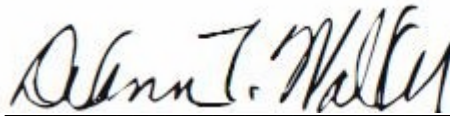
¹ ERCOT Nodal Operating Guides § 4.5.3.4

² PURA § 31.002(20).

For these reasons, the Commission orders all TDUs in the ERCOT region to rotate customers that are properly subject to curtailment under EEA3 in a manner that no such customer is subjected to an outage of more than 12 hours.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 17 day of February 2021.

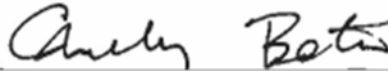
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