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Re: Project No. 40480, *PUC Proceeding Regarding Policy Options on Resource Adequacy*

Chairman Nelson and Commissioners:

The Dallas Regional Chamber (DRC) would like to encourage the Public Utility Commission to pursue policies which support a robust level of electrical reliability as an important driver of our State's continued economic development.

We understand that the Commission is considering key policy issues raised in the Brattle Group's June 1st Report on *ERCOT Investment Incentives and Resource Adequacy*. Specifically, the Commission's Notice of Workshop for July 27, 2012, indicates that The Commission is considering the following question: What should be the long-term reliability objective for ERCOT?

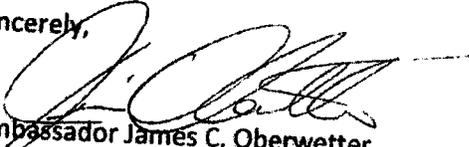
While we will not comment here on the technical formulation of the long-term reliability objective, the DRC would like to highlight the importance of both establishing and taking steps to ensure a defined and robust level of electrical reliability. This is vital to support the continued growth and economic development of the State and, indeed, the Dallas region.

The Commission has an opportunity to reinforce that Texas is "open for business," and that our competitive electric market is an economic advantage as we compete with other states and regions to continue to attract business to Texas. Signals to the contrary, or even uncertainty about future reliability levels, could throttle the success we have enjoyed. This concern is illustrated by the June 19th story published by the *New York Times*: "State [Texas] Ranks Last in Electrical Reliability".

We hope the Commission will send a signal to the business community that the state will pursue a path which will ensure a level of reliability that is robust – consistent with levels of reliability that Texas businesses and residents have experienced in the past and comparable, if not better than, other regions and states. Texas is currently leading the nation in job growth as the United States works its way out of the economic malaise. Decreased electric reliability could greatly impact this State's economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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