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A NEW WAVE OF OPPORTUNITY

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

Chairman Nelson and Commissioners:

The Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CCHCC) 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 Report on *ERCOT Investment Incentives and Resource Adequacy*. Specifically, the Commission's Notice of Workshop for June 27 indicates that The Commission is considering the following question: What should be the long-term reliability objective for ERCOT?

The CCHC 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 CCHC's area in the coastal bend.

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.

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. Lower electric reliability could greatly impact this economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours respectfully,

Rosie Colin
President

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