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ATTENTION: CENTRAL RECORDS

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COMMISSION PROCEEDING TO
ENSURE RESOURCE ADEQUACY
IN TEXAS

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION OF TEXAS

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR SOLAR WORKSHOP

SolarBridge Technologies is a solar power electronics manufacturer based in Austin, Texas. Our company engineers solar power conversion devices (microinverters) that are integrated into solar modules and installed across Texas and the United States in rooftop residential and commercial PV systems. Our success over the past three years as a Texas-based business is a direct result of the growth of the solar industry, specifically the rapidly increasing proliferation of distributed generation solar power systems.

We are concerned that the Public Utility Commission ("Commission") has undervalued the feasibility for solar energy to serve as a solution to threatened resource inadequacy in ERCOT. We urge the Commission to give more attention to solar generation as a source of cost-competitive electricity that is available during periods of peak electric demand. Solar generation can reasonably be constructed and deployed more swiftly than other generation resources, and fill in resource gaps during the wait for other generation that requires a greater lead time to get on-line. We hope that the Commission will establish a workshop to address the advantages of encouraging available solar technology for ERCOT generation resources. A workshop will provide a forum for stakeholders and leaders in the solar industry to put forward viable solutions that can gain support from investors and consumers alike for mitigating resource adequacy concerns in ERCOT.

WHEREFORE, SolarBridge Technologies respectfully prays that the commission set up a workshop under a separate docket involving solar resources.

Respectfully submitted,



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