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Public Utilities Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Ave.
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

RE: PUCT Project No. 40000

Dear Commissioners,

As a health care professional, I see firsthand the relationship between health and energy. Many of our greatest advances in medicine and hospital care exist because of affordable and reliable energy. Unlike the majority of other products, electric service is a necessity, and a lack of service can mean customers go without heating and cooling, or the ability to cook and refrigerate their food.

An energy strategy that places reliability as a priority is critical for the health of our state's citizens. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has forecasted that our state is faced with a long term decline in operating reserves of electric power. This instability in our electric grid is one that our health care industry and the patients cannot accept. Healthcare professionals need reliable power in order to do our jobs to the best of our abilities.

The Public Utility Council (PUCT) is currently considering reforms to the power market to address this impending energy shortage. I understand that a comprehensive study was done that urged comprehensive reform to the electric market to avoid rolling blackouts associated with dwindling power supplies. The PUCT needs to make sure that reforms to the wholesale power market protect and enhance the long term reliability of the electric grid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesus Mayor, Jr.", written over a white background.

Dr. Jesus Mayor, Jr., M.D.

cc:

Governor Rick Perry

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