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Public Utilities Commission of Texas
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RE: PUCT Project No. 40000

Dear Commissioners,

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 the residents of the state of Texas cannot accept. We need reliable power in order to be a productive society and raise our children.

It has come to my attention, through an interview I read in the Houston Chronicle with PUCT Commissioner Marty that the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) is considering reforms that would protect and enhance the long-term reliability of the state's electrical grid. I support these efforts.

Last year a PUCT-commissioned study concluded that some form of a "capacity market" was the most economically efficient and reliable reform to ensure that there is enough energy generation in years to come. The PUCT needs to move forward with the discussion and implement reforms – whether that is a capacity market or something similar.

I urge the PUCT to reform the wholesale power market and continue to strengthen the great state of Texas. As a Precinct Chair, I am growing awareness of this issue with the voters in my precinct.

Sincerely,



Raul Ruiz
Precinct 189 Chair

cc: Governor Rick Perry

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