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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Public Utilities Commission of Texas
Re: PUCT Project No. 40000
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Commissioner:

As a business owner, I understand the importance of future planning and nothing makes me more uncertain about the future than the prospect of unreliable electric power, a fundamental building block of my business. Future growth in our state depends on a stable and reliable electric grid that can encourage and support the new arrival of businesses and families. I urge you to consider smart and effective reforms that can address current and future needs.

It was brought to my attention that The Public Utility Council (PUCT) is currently considering reforms to the power market in order to avoid the anticipated energy shortage. The PUCT commissioned a comprehensive study that came to the conclusion that significant reforms to the power market were needed. I urge the Commission to make reforms that will ensure long-term reliability and ease pricing volatility. We need to anticipate future needs and maintain stability in pricing.

Recently, the Public Utility Commission of Texas held a hearing to discuss revising the state's wholesale electricity market in a manner that better prepares for a future of growing electricity demand. I was very happy to read that a majority of the Commission expressed their intent to require a mandatory power reserve margin so that electricity supply is there when demand is highest.

I strongly hope that Texas seizes this opportunity and continues to provide reliable energy to all its residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Barker".

John Barker
Owner/CEO

cc.

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