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Public Utilities Commission of Texas  
Re: PUCT Project No. 40000  
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Dear Commissioner:

Here in Texas, we are fortunate to have all of the tools that a state could ask for when it comes to fostering a booming economy. Our oil and gas industry is booming, we regularly boast one of the most robust state GDPs in the nation, and we've led the nation in job creation during a very challenging economic period.

The Lone Star State's future, in other words, is as bright as can be. But without careful action by state regulators to manage rising energy demand that our booming economy brings in tow, there is a very real possibility that this bright future could – both literally and figuratively – go dark.

Last week, the Public Utility Commission of Texas held a hearing to further discuss a long-running debate surrounding efforts to revise the state's wholesale electricity market in a manner that better prepares for a future of growing electricity demand. Without action, this rising electricity demand is on pace to outstrip our current system's capacity for producing energy, leaving the state vulnerable to business-killing blackouts and rate spikes during periods of particularly high demand.

This is, as commissioners, consumers, and businesses alike all well know, a serious problem for a state focused on growing its economic footprint. Consumers expect reliability when it comes to electricity, and they expect it without exception. For many businesses in Texas, it's not just an inconvenience if there's no power, it's an economic disaster.

I was happy to read this week that the Public Utilities Commission of Texas has taken a step in the right direction to find a solution that will provide for sufficient electricity reserves. Reliability in our electric grid should be of the utmost importance.

Sincerely,

Melanie Orth

Operations Manager

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