

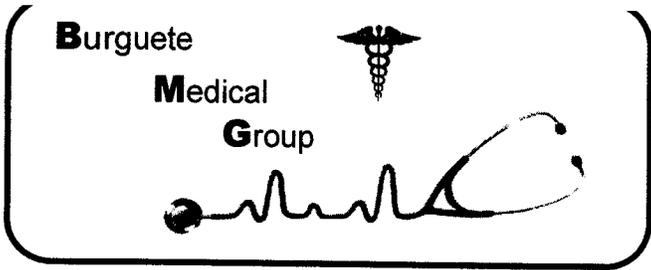


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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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Public Utilities Commission of Texas
Re: PUCT Project No. 40000
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Commissioner,

As someone in the medical field, I know that the risk of rolling blackouts has serious implications in terms of patient care. Simply put, reliable electricity is not only essential in operating a medical practice, it is life-saving. A growing economy has increased energy demand while our state's experts predict dwindling power supplies. This mismatch between demand and supply puts the long-term reliability of our electric grid at risk.

The Public Utility Council (PUCT) is currently considering reforms to the power market in order to avoid this impending energy shortage. I encourage the Public Utility Commission of Texas to provide the state with an effective, long-term solution to the growing demand for energy. I support the Commission's recent decision to require a mandatory reserve margin as a first step toward long term, reliable electricity. Protecting the life of patients is my primary concern, and, simply put, there is absolutely no reason our services should be compromised due to low electricity reserves.

If you look at the history of capacity markets, it is clear that they have had tremendous success in increasing demand response and renewable energy supplies. Capacity markets direct and encourage investment in all kinds of energy assets. With demand response, consumers are able to participate in the capacity market by conserving their own energy usage.

Capacity markets in other states have been successful in encouraging investment and encouraging consumers to conserve energy. I hope you consider moving toward a more reliable market model so that we can provide and promote an environment without the threat of rolling blackouts.

Sincerely,

Cristina Burguete,
CEO

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