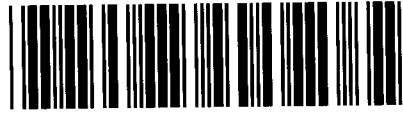


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**PROJECT NO. 38533**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ERCOT BUDGET FOR**  
**2016-2017 AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

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The staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed budget and change in the System Administrative Fee for 2016/2017 for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, located on the 7th floor of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. Project Number 38533, *PUC Review of ERCOT Budget*, has been established for this proceeding. Pursuant to 16 Texas Admin. Code §25.363(d) (relating to ERCOT Budget and Fees), ERCOT is required to submit for commission review its board-approved budget, budget strategies and staffing needs, with a justification for all expenses, capital outlays, additional debt, and staffing requirements. The commission may approve, modify or reject ERCOT's proposed budget and budget strategies. Under Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) section 39.151, the proceeding to consider changes to ERCOT's proposed budget or to authorize or set the range for the System Administrative Fee is not a contested case. Additionally, under section 39.151, the commission can require ERCOT to prepare an annual or a biennial budget. When the commission approved ERCOT's 2014/2015 biennial budget and System Administrative Fee (Fee), it instructed ERCOT to file its proposed 2016/2017 biennial budget and Fee request no later than July 1, 2015, and to provide specific information to facilitate the commission's consideration of the 2016/2017 request. On July 1, 2015, ERCOT filed in Project No. 38533 its proposed budget for 2016/2017. As part of its 2016/2017 budget, ERCOT proposes to change the Fee, which is currently set at \$0.465 per Megawatt hour (MWh), to \$0.555 per MWh.

Questions concerning the public hearing or this notice should be referred to Thomas S. Hunter, Agency Counsel, (512) 936-7280. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1.

**ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2015 BY THE**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**ADRIANA A. GONZALES**

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