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# OPEN MEETING COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:** March 12, 2021

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**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 02 & 03

**CAPTION:** Project 51812 & Project 51825

**DESCRIPTION:** Project 51812 – *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the February 2021 Winter Weather Event*

Project 51825 – *Investigation Regarding the February 2021 Winter Weather Event*

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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

**TO:** Chairman Arthur C. D'Andrea

Interested Parties

**FROM:** Connie Corona  
Deputy Executive Director

**DATE:** March 10, 2021

**RE:** **March 12, 2021 Open Meeting**  
Agenda Item No. 2 - Project No. 51812, *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the February 2021 Winter Weather Event*  
Agenda Item No. 3 - Project No. 51825, *Investigation Regarding the February 2021 Winter Weather Event*

Staff has identified eight key focus areas as a "road map" for Commission work in response to the February 2021 Winter Weather Event. Please note that these focus areas are not specific projects, but instead are categories used to identify and scope concepts raised by Staff, Commissioners, the Legislature, and stakeholders. Each focus area may have multiple projects associated with it and, conversely, an individual project or rulemaking may apply to more than one focus area. Staff looks forward to continued input from all interested parties and will update the road map for future open meetings.

### **Generation Weatherization and Emergency Operations**

Scope: Examine weatherization and emergency operations standards for power generation facilities. Examine content and processes for review and certification of emergency operations plans.

Lead Division: Infrastructure

#### Current Related Projects:

Project No. 51840, *Rulemaking to Establish Weatherization Standards*

Project No. 51841, *Review of 16 TAC § 25 53 Relating to Electric Service Emergency Operations Plans*

### **Essential Generation Load**

Scope: Establish standards and processes to protect load that provides an essential service to electric generation. Explore whether additional generation resiliency measures are appropriate.

Lead Division: Infrastructure

Current Related Projects:

Project No. 51839, *Electric-Gas Coordination*

Project No. (pending), *Review of Critical Load Standards and Processes*

### **Essential Customer Load and Load Shed**

Scope: Examine standards and processes related to critical customer load and procedures related to emergency load shed.

Lead Division: Market Analysis

Current Related Projects:

Project No. (pending), *Review of Critical Load Standards and Processes*

Project No. 51841, *Review of 16 TAC § 25 53 Relating to Electric Service Emergency Operations Plans*

### **ERCOT Operations**

Scope: Review ERCOT's forecasting and planning processes; establish standards for ERCOT designation of emergency conditions.

Lead Division: Market Analysis

Current Related Projects:

Project No. 51871, *Review of the ERCOT Scarcity Pricing Mechanism*

Project No. 51825, *Investigation Regarding the February 2021 Winter Weather Event*

### **Communications and Governance**

Scope: Review communications standards and expectations among utilities, ERCOT, the Commission, and the public. Identify improvements for Commission communications to the Legislature and the public. Identify potential improvements to ERCOT governance structure, bylaws, and stakeholder process.

Lead Division: Executive Director's office

Current Related Projects:

Project No. (pending), *Review of Communications for the Electric Market*

### **Market Settlements**

Scope: Examine ERCOT settlements and market uplift processes.

Lead Division: Market Analysis

**Wholesale Market Design**

Scope: Review and identify potential improvements to the rules and protocols of the ERCOT wholesale electric market, with emphasis on pricing of energy and ancillary services.

Lead Division: Market Analysis

Current Related Projects:

Project No. 51871, *Review of the ERCOT Scarcity Pricing Mechanism*

**Retail Market**

Scope: Review the Commission's customer protection rules, with emphasis on disclosures for certain electric product types and potential customer protections specific to emergency conditions.

Lead Division: Customer Protection

Current Related Projects:

Project No. 51830, *Review of Wholesale-Indexed Products for Compliance with Customer Protection Rules for Retail Electric Service*