

# OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**Friday, January 31, 2025, 9:30 A.M.**  
**Commissioners' Hearing Room**  
**7th Floor, William B. Travis Building**

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Chairman Gleeson called the meeting to order.

A quorum was established with all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Hjaltman was recused from Items 5, 14, and 15.

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## Items Not Taken Up

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Item Nos. 4, 14-16, 21, 22, 24, 26, 29-32, 34, 35, and 37-43 were not discussed.

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## Consented Items

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Item Nos. 3, 6, 7, 10-13, 17, 18, 20, and 36 were consented.

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*The remaining items are listed in the order addressed by the Commission.*

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## Public Comment

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1. Public comment for matters that are under the Commission's jurisdiction, but not specifically posted on this agenda.

**Action:** A representative of Lone Star Chapter, Sierra Club shared a petition addressed to Governor Abbott asking for a clean, reliable, resilient, and affordable energy grid. A former board member of Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation stated that the Commission should initiate rulemaking before enforcing a finite financial limit on a utility's expenses, to include legal debt.

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**Contested Cases - Water**

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2. Docket No. 52370; SOAH Docket No. 473-22-07686.WS – Application of East Houston Utilities, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates. (Final Order) Ariadna Garcia

**Action: Denied the application.**

5. Docket No. 55577; SOAH Docket No. 473-24-15740.WS – Application of Aqua Texas, Inc. to Amend Its System Improvement Charges under 16 TAC § 24.76. (Final Order) Lori Patrick

**Action: Adopted the PFD with modifications.**

8. Docket No. 56350 – Application of Quadvest, LP to Amend Its Certificates of Convenience and Necessity in Harris County. (Order on Appeal of Order No. 8) Lori Patrick

**Action: Granted the appeal of Order No. 8.**

9. Docket No. 56535 – Petition of Maurice Williams, Kimberly Williams Barnett, and Kristi Williams Neyes to Amend City of Royse City's Certificates of Convenience and Necessity in Collin County by Streamlined Expedited Release. (Final Order) Elizabeth Mallett

**Action: Approved proposed order with modifications.**

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**Contested Cases - Electric**

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19. Docket No. 57244; SOAH Docket No. 473-25-04144 – Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Approval of a Purchased Power Agreement with Wildcat Ranch Energy Storage, LLC and for Related Relief Severed from PUC Docket No. 55849. (Final Order) Ariadna Garcia

**Action: Adopted PFD with modifications.**

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**Rules, Projects, and Miscellaneous Items - Electric**

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23. Project No. 55999 – Reports of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. (Discussion and possible action)

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**Action:** ERCOT provided an update on the CPS Reliability Must Run (RMR) units and next steps. ERCOT plans to call a special board meeting for the end of February or beginning of March to seek final approval for a possible RMR agreement.

25. Project No. 55718 – Reliability Plan for the Permian Basin under PURA §39.167. (Discussion and possible action)

**Action:** ERCOT laid out its Extra High Voltage 345-kV/765-kV comparison document. No action was taken by the Commission.

27. Project No. 56022 – Reports of Texas Reliability Entity, Inc. (Discussion and possible action)

**Action:** The Texas Reliability Entity spoke to its compliance and enforcement plan for 2025, which addresses key interconnection risks, as well as the NERC 2024 Long-Term Reliability Assessment.

28. Project No. 57004 – Texas Energy Fund Grants for Facilities Outside of the ERCOT Region. (Proposal for Adoption) David Smeltzer and Allison Fink

**Action:** Discussed proposed 16 TAC §25.512, which would create a Texas Energy Fund grant program to fund electric reliability improvements in areas of Texas outside of the ERCOT power region for facility modernization, facility weatherization, reliability and resiliency facility enhancements, and vegetation management, and deferred action to the February 13, 2025, open meeting.

33. Project No. 56000 – Firm Fuel Supply Service. (Discussion and possible action) Tyler Nicholson

**Action:** ERCOT presented the results of the Firm Fuel Supply Service (FFSS) expansion survey. The Commission agreed with the recommendations of ERCOT and Commission Staff to proceed through the stakeholder process with a protocol revision that would expand eligibility criteria to entities with firm natural gas capacity held in certain pipelines.