OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 9:30 A.M. Commissioners' Hearing Room 7th Floor, William B. Travis Building

These minutes serve as a summary of the meeting but not as a transcription. A recording of the meeting is located on the Commission's website at <u>Broadcasts (texas.gov)</u>. You may also refer to the Commission's final order for further details.

Chairman Gleeson called the meeting to order.

A quorum was established with all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Hjaltman was recused from items 4, 7, 8, and 15-17.

Items Not Taken Up

Item Nos. 20, 26-28, 32-33, 35-37, 39-40, and 42-43 were not discussed.

Consented Items

Item Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-15, 18, 22-25, 29, and 38 were consented.

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

Closed Session

- 44. Adjournment for closed session to consider one or more of the following items:
 - a. Discussions with its attorneys regarding contemplated litigation, settlement offers, pending litigation, and other matters as allowed under section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code;
 - b. Personnel matters, including the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director, the Division Directors or any other public officer or employee of the Commission as allowed under section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; and

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c. Security matters, including deployment and implementation of security personnel or devices or security audits; including matters under Project No. 24729, as allowed under sections 551.076 and 551.089 of the Texas Government Code;

and reconvening in open session for discussion and decisions on matters considered in closed session.

Action: The Commission met in closed session. The Commission took no action upon reconvening in open session.

Public Comment

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

Action: The former President of Windermere Oaks Water Supply Corporation reported that a town hall meeting was held in February 2025, where the temporary manager announced a proposed rate that is 132% higher than the originally appealed rate. The speaker urged the Commission to reject the proposed rate and reject Windermere's efforts to use monies from a recent land sale to reduce the proposed rate, as Windermere needs those proceeds to fund the retrofitting of an old gallon storage tank.

Contested Cases - Water

4. Docket No. 54617; SOAH Docket No. 473-24-13127 – Application of Texas Water Utilities, L.P. and Southern Horizons Development, Inc. for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Liberty and Montgomery Counties. (Order on Motion for Rehearing) Abbey Pitcher

Action: Granted motion for rehearing and remanded to Docket Management.

5. Docket No. 55808 – Petition of MM Terrell 1098, LLC to Amend Rose Hill Special Utility District's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Kaufman County by Streamlined Expedited Release. (Extension of Time to Act on Motion(s) for Rehearing) John Kelly

Action: Extend time to act on motion for rehearing.

6. Docket No. 56171 – Petition for an Emergency Order Appointing a Temporary Manager to Blue Cereus, LLC Without a Hearing, Under Tex. Water Code § 13.4132 and 16 TAC

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§24.355. (Order Affirming, Modifying, or Setting Aside Emergency Order) Krishna de la Cruz

Action: Affirmed emergency order filed by Executive Director.

9. Docket No. 56974 – Application of SJWTX, Inc. dba the Texas Water Company to Amend Its System Improvement Charges. (Final Order) Lori Patrick

Action: Rejected PFD and remanded to Docket Management.

12. Docket No. 57386 – Application of CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Authority to Change Rates. (Preliminary Order) Krishna de la Cruz

Action: Adopted proposed preliminary order with modifications.

Contested Cases - Electric

16. Docket No. 56211; SOAH Docket No. 473-24-13232 – Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to Change Rates. (Final Order) John Kelly and Davida Dwyer

Action: Adopted revised proposed order with modifications.

17. Docket No. 56440 – Application of New Braunfels Utilities to Change Transmission Cost of Service and Wholesale Transmission Rates. (Order on Motion for Rehearing) Krishna de la Cruz

Action: Denied motion for rehearing.

19. Docket No. 56954; SOAH Docket No. 473-24-25125 – Application of Texas-New Mexico Power Company for Approval of a System Resiliency Plan. (Final Order) Abbey Pitcher and Alex Scheifler

Action: Adopted proposed order with modifications.

21. Docket No. 57160 – Complaint of Frank Chou Against CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC. (Final Order) Krishna de la Cruz

Action: The Commission heard oral argument from the parties and deferred decision until next open meeting.

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Rules, Projects, and Miscellaneous Items - Electric

30. Project No. 56896 – Texas Energy Fund In-ERCOT Loan Program Reports and Filings. (Discussion and possible action regarding delegation of authority to the executive director) Laurie Hobbs and Barksdale English

Action: Approved two projects to move forward into due diligence.

31. Project No. 57774 – Electric Utility Correspondence on Insurance Premiums. (Discussion and possible action)

Action: Discussed miscellaneous filings relating to an increase in insurance premiums and possible remedies, including deferred accounting treatment of those costs.

34. Project No. 41210 - Information Related to the Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee. (Discussion and possible action)

Action: Commissioner Jackson gave an update regarding the SPP Energy Synergy Summit.

General

41. Discussion and possible action regarding agency review by Sunset Advisory Commission, operating budget, strategic plan, appropriations request, project assignments, correspondence, staff reports, agency administrative issues, agency organization, fiscal matters and personnel policy.

Action: Commission Counsel announced that the open meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025, will be moved to Friday, June 20, 2025. Ms. Cisneros also announced that OPDM will no longer be providing courtesy copies of service lists to parties; however, the information may be obtained and is available to the parties in the Commission's automated information system (AIS).