OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 21, 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.

Chairman Gleeson was recused from Item Nos. 2 and 20.

Commissioner Hjaltman was recused from Item Nos. 8 and 21.

Items Not Taken Up

Item Nos. 30, 33, 36, 49, 50, 52-56, and 58-61 were not discussed.

Consented Items

Item Nos. 3-5, 8-16, 18, 19, 22, 25-28, 31, 42-44, 48, and 57 were consented.

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

Public Comment

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

Action: An individual representing the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club urged the Commission to review the action alert filed in Docket Number 57743 related to low energy savings goals and high performance bonus of investor-owned utilities and the need for robust rulemaking. The individual further urged the Commission to implement caps on performance bonuses related to energy efficiency programs.

An individual representing Secure the Grid Coalition discussed a tech vulnerability assessment tool that he believed would be helpful as the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) moves forward with the implementation of Senate Bill 75.

Contested Cases - Water

6. Docket No. 54713; SOAH Docket No. 473-23-22448.WS – Petition by Ratepayers Appealing the Water Rates Established by Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District.-Final Order

Action: Denied appeal.

7. Docket No. 55305 – Application of CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC and Farrar Water Supply Corporation for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Limestone County. - Final Order

Action: Approved proposed order with modifications.

17. Docket No. 57916 – Complaint of Manuel Reyna Against Avalon Point Water Services, LLC. Preliminary Order. Discussion and possible action related to Order No. 7

Action: Approved preliminary order with modifications.

Contested Cases - Electric

21. Docket No. 56693; SOAH Docket No. 473-24-21530 – Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Portfolio of Dispatchable Generation Resources. Final Order

Action: Deferred to future open meeting.

23. Docket No. 57467; SOAH Docket No. 473-25-10411 – Application of Cross Texas Transmission, LLC for Authority to Change Rates and Tariffs. Final Order

Action: Required Cross Texas Transmission, LLC, to publicly file by August 25, 2025, the terms of the proposed settlement agreement or a confidential briefing explaining why it cannot publicly file the terms of the proposed settlement agreement.

24. Docket No. 57579; SOAH Docket No. 473-25-11558 – Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Approval of its 2026-2028 Transmission and Distribution System Resiliency Plan. Final Order

Action: Adopted revised proposed order with modifications.

29. Texas-New Mexico Power Company change of control proceeding. Discussion regarding option to hold Commission-held hearing

Action: Determined that a Commission held hearing will be needed once the application has been filed.

Contested Cases - Water

2. Docket No. 48836; SOAH Docket No. 473-19-1422.WS - Petition of Paloma Lake Municipal Utility District No. 1, Paloma Lake Municipal Utility District No. 2, Vista Oaks Municipal Utility District, Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 10, and Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 11 Appealing the Wholesale Water and Wastewater Rates Imposed by the City of Round Rock. - Order on Rehearing

Action: Denied motion for rehearing.

Contested Cases - Electric

20. Docket No. 50065; SOAH Docket No. 473-24-17515 – Complaint of Doug and Linda Crosson, Bo and Trish Lebo, and Bruce and Ann Ahlhorn Against Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. Final Order

Action: Adopted proposal for decision with modifications.

Rules, Projects, and Miscellaneous Items - Water

32. Project No. 58520 - Division of Utility Outreach initiatives to assist small, mid-sized, and distressed water and sewer utilities. Discussion and possible action - Tammy Benter

Action: Commission Staff discussed the status of completed and on-going initiatives to assist small, mid-sized, and distressed utilities. The first workshop to assist small

and rural IOU operators with complying with PUCT regulations is scheduled for October 8, 2025, in Aldine, Texas.

Rules, Projects, and Miscellaneous Items - Communications

34. Project No. 57410 – Commission Review of the Definition of Access Line Under the Provisions of Local Government Code § 283.003c. Discussion and possible action - Stephen Mendoza

Action: Decided not to change the definition of 'access line' under Local Government Code § 283.003(c).

Rules, Projects, and Miscellaneous Items - Electric

35. Project No. 55999 – Reports of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Discussion and possible action, including on ERCOT's request for a good-cause exception regarding Real-Time Co-optimization Plus Batteries RTC+B - closed-loop test Floyd Walker

Action: Approved ERCOT's request for a good cause exception, ensuring that ERCOT market participants can participate in upcoming tests of RTC+B systems without incurring charges that would otherwise be assessed.

37. Project No. 34677 – Reports of the Independent Market Monitor for the ERCOT Region. Discussion and possible action - Harika Basaran

Action: Commission Staff provided an overview of its response to the Independent Market Monitor's 2024 report on the state of the electric wholesale markets.

38. Project No. 58379 – Review of §25.504 – Wholesale Market Power in the ERCOT Region. Proposal for Publication - Rizwaan Lakhani and Jacob Bulzak

Action: Approved proposal for publication, which removes § 25.504(c) from the rule.

39. Project No. 58492 – Texas Energy Fund Grants for Facilities Outside of the ERCOT Region Program Reports and Filings. Discussion and possible action including delegation of authority to the executive director - Tracie Tolle and Can Alemdar

Action: The Commission selected three applicants with one or more projects that meet eligibility requirements for participation in the TxEF Outside ERCOT Grant

Program: Southwestern Electric Power Company (1 project), El Paso Electric (1 project), and North Plans Electric Cooperative (2 projects).

40. Project No. 56184 – Voltage Support Compensation. Discussion and possible action - Julia Wagner and Jonathan Cardiel

Action: Staff presented a choice of three pathways regarding the last blueprint item, compensated voltage support, and recommended pathway A. ERCOT supported Staff's recommendation of pathway A. The Commission agreed with Staff's recommendation.

41. Project No. 56789 – Transmission and Distribution Wildfire Mitigation Plans and Self Insurance Plans. Proposal for Publication - Julie Blocker, Rama Singh Rastogi, and James Euton

Action: Approved proposal for publication, which implements House Bill 145.

45. Project No. 58317 – SB6 Implementation. Discussion and possible action Jessie Horn

Action: Commission Staff provided an update on its progress to implement various portions of Senate Bill 6.

46. Project No. 58479 - Rulemaking for Net Metering Arrangements Involving a Large Load Co-Located with an Existing Generation Resource Under PURA §39.169. Discussion and possible action Jessie Horn

Action: Commission Staff announced a workshop to be held on September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to receive public input on topics related to the forthcoming rulemaking.

47. Project No. 58480 - Rulemaking to Establish Large Load Forecasting Criteria Under PURA §37.0561. Discussion and possible action Jessie Horn

Action: Commission Staff announced a workshop to be held on September 2, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to receive public input on topics related to the forthcoming rulemaking.

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

Action: Commissioner Jackson provided an update from the Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee meeting.