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Report Finds Widespread Compliance with Winter Weather Readiness Requirements

Austin, TX – Today ERCOT filed their report on compliance with the PUC December 1 deadline for weatherization. 98% of the 847 generation resources met the deadline to file reports, representing over 99% of the total installed generating capacity. 100% of reports from transmission companies were submitted on time. PUC has already begun [enforcement against the companies](#) that failed to file their reports on time. Of the 8 companies that failed to file their readiness reports by the December 1 deadline, all but one have now submitted their report.

“I am pleased that the industry is taking seriously our aggressive timelines. This is just one more step to strengthening our grid,” stated PUC Executive Director Thomas Gleeson.

ERCOT’s report indicated that owners of 244 resources have requested a good cause exception from meeting the tight deadlines set by the PUC. Having preliminarily reviewed about 70% of the requests, they do not indicate that the plants will be unprepared to operate under extreme weather this winter. Many of the requests are for extensions of a few weeks to complete weatherizing. Of the 54 transmission companies filing reports, only 4 asserted good cause for non-compliance. The reports and the requests for exception are having the desired effect of increasing accountability and giving regulators more visibility into weatherization efforts.

Companies that have requested good cause exception are not excused from compliance. They have to provide specific reasons they are unable to meet the rule, including a plan for how they will bring themselves into compliance. PUC and ERCOT staff will continue to review the reports to determine which facilities will meet the preparation requirements. “The Governor, Legislature, and the PUC Commissioners have given us an unprecedented ability to enforce the weatherization rules,” said PUC Executive Director Thomas Gleeson. “We will not hesitate to use the tools at our disposal to ensure reliability.”

The report on generation entities can be found at <https://bit.ly/PUCTGenerationReport>. The report on transmission entities can be found at <https://bit.ly/PUCTTransmissionReport>.

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