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### \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

## Public Encouraged to Submit Comments on Reliability Reform Study and Texas Electric Market Design

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*Public Comment Period Closes at noon, Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022*

**Austin, Texas** - The Public Utility Commission of Texas is reminding Texans they have until noon, Thursday, December 15, 2022, to submit their comments on the recently released reliability reform study and proposals under consideration for the design of the Texas Electric Market.

“Texans expect and demand reliable power, so it’s important their voice be heard in this market design process,” said Chairman Peter Lake, PUCT. “The state is adding a city the size of Corpus Christi every year, and growth in reliable, on-demand power must keep up. Texas simply can’t wait any longer to make a market design change that will meet the electricity demands of our fast-growing state.”

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The PUCT is asking the public, members of industry, stakeholder groups and anyone interested in the market design reliability reforms to provide feedback on the reliability study and specifically the questions outlined in the PUCT staff memo. Key questions of interest to the PUCT for public feedback can be found in the PUCT’s request for comment. Links to the reliability study, staff memo requesting public comment and instructions on how to leave comments can be found [HERE](#).

### **BACKGROUND**

Beginning in July 2021, PUCT Commissioners held a series of public workshops and meetings and accepted public comment to collect information from the public, industry, stakeholder groups and others about market design preferences to meet reliability directives in Senate Bill 3, passed by the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Abbott. The bills required increasing grid reliability through operational and economic market improvements.

Information gathered during these meetings and submitted to the PUCT formed the foundation of the Blueprint for Wholesale Electric Market Design, Phases I and II.

E3 was hired in May 2022 by the PUCT through an open, public, competitive bid process to analyze and recommend market design options following the priorities outlined in the Blueprint.



### **About the Public Utility Commission**

Our mission is to serve Texans by regulating the state's electric, telecommunication, and water and sewer utilities, implementing respective legislation, and offering customer assistance in resolving consumer complaints. Since its founding in 1975, the Commission has a long and proud history of service to Texas, protecting customers, fostering competition, and promoting high quality infrastructure. To learn more, please visit <https://www.puc.texas.gov>.