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Public Utility Commission of Texas to Host First Public Workshop on Advanced Nuclear Reactors

Austin, Texas – The Public Utility Commission of Texas’ (PUC) newly-formed Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group will host its first public workshop on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. CT. The workshop will take place at the PUC in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room at 1701 N. Congress Ave. Austin, Texas 78701 (7th Floor) and will be livestreamed on the [PUC’s website](#).

Governor Greg Abbott directed the PUC to form the Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group in a [letter](#) on Aug. 16 and designated Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty to lead the initiative. The working group will study and plan for the use of advanced nuclear reactors in Texas and submit a formal report to Governor Abbott outlining how the state can become a national leader in advanced nuclear energy.

“I thank Governor Abbott for his leadership and direction on this important issue,” Commissioner Glotfelty said. “Providing safe, reliable, and affordable energy for a growing number of Texans will require harnessing every available source of dispatchable power. Nuclear energy is reliable, technologically advanced, and has great potential to help Texas meet its future power needs. I look forward to bringing industry, state and federal agencies, and Texas’ leading research universities to the table to chart a path forward.”

Governor Abbott directed the working group to “understand the state’s role in deploying and using advanced nuclear reactors; consider all potential financial incentives available, determine nuclear-specific changes needed in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) market; identify any federal or state regulatory impediments to development; and identify how the state can streamline and accelerate permitting for the building of advanced nuclear reactors in Texas.” The working group must also study and evaluate advances in nuclear reactor safety and technology.

The Sept. 28 workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the working group’s organizational structure and outline a plan for carrying out the Governor’s directives. Interested parties and stakeholders are invited to share their thoughts on the working group’s structure, process, and timeline.

Documents related to the Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group’s ongoing work,



including a [recent memo on participation](#) from Commissioner Glotfelty and an [announcement](#) for the upcoming public workshop, will be filed under PUCT Project [#55421](#). Public comments and questions may also be filed in the project. Instructions for filing a document with the PUCT are available [here](#).

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 assistance in resolving consumer complaints. Since its founding in 1975, the Commission has a long and proud history of service to Texas, protecting consumers, fostering competition, and promoting high quality infrastructure. To learn more, please visit <https://www.puc.texas.gov>.