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Public Utility Commission of Texas Adopts Second Rule for Implementation of the Texas Energy Fund

New Rule Establishes Completion Bonus Grant Program

Austin, Texas – The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) today adopted a new rule to implement the Texas Energy Fund Completion Bonus Grant Program. The program will provide grants for new dispatchable electric generation facilities or expansions of existing facilities that meet certain planning requirements after June 1, 2023 and interconnect to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid before June 1, 2029. The new rule establishes procedures for applying for a completion bonus grant, terms for annual grant payments, and performance requirements.

“Our state continues to experience incredible growth as more families and businesses choose to call Texas home,” said PUC Chairman Thomas Gleason. “Our supply of reliable, on-demand electricity must keep pace to meet this growing demand. Today’s rule adoption is another important step to implement the Texas Energy Fund and incentivize the construction of high-quality, dispatchable power generation for the Texas grid.”

To be eligible for a completion bonus grant, a facility or an expansion of an existing facility must add at least 100 MW to the ERCOT grid and meet other requirements specified in the rule. The amount of a completion bonus grant award is based on the generation capacity added, interconnection date of the facility, and program funding availability. Award payments will be issued in ten yearly installments, and an eligible facility must meet minimum performance requirements established in the rule to receive a payment each year.

The Completion Bonus Grant Program is one of four Texas Energy Fund (TEF) programs created under the Powering Texas Forward Act, which was established by the Texas Legislature through passage of Senate Bill 2627 in 2023. The rule establishing the Completion Bonus Grant Program adopted today is the second TEF rule adopted by the Commission; the In-ERCOT Generation Loan Program rule was [adopted](#) on March 21. The In-ERCOT Generation Loan Program provides low-interest loans for the construction of new dispatchable electric generating facilities in the



ERCOT power region or the expansion of existing facilities providing power to the ERCOT power region.

The other two programs within the TEF provide funding for companies to establish or secure back-up power resources, and funding to improve the resiliency and availability of electric utility service outside the ERCOT region. The TEF has \$5 billion available for all four programs, and additional funding may be provided by the legislature in future years.

Additional information about the Texas Energy Fund is available on the PUCT website: [Texas Energy Fund](#).

About the Public Utility Commission of Texas

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>.