



## **Public Utility Commission of Texas**

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### **Statement of the Public Utility Commission of Texas Regarding ERCOT's SARA** *Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy Reflects Impacts from Shrinking Reserve Margins*

**Austin, TX** – The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) continues to closely monitor the forecast for the supply of and demand for electricity for the coming summer. Continued increases in the projections for demand as well as the recent mothballing of an uneconomic power plant have further reduced the reserve margin that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) power region relies upon in times of peak demand. The Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy (SARA) that was released today reflects the potential impacts of the lower reserve margin on the operations of the ERCOT system.

While the anticipated operating reserves for this summer will be even tighter than experienced last year, it is important to note that ERCOT has a number of mechanisms and tools to maintain system reliability. One such tool is a program that compensates customers willing to temporarily reduce their demand during emergency situations.

The PUC along with ERCOT have already been taking steps to prepare for the summer. The PUC has been working with the Railroad Commission, ERCOT, gas-fueled generating facilities, and gas pipeline companies to coordinate pipeline outages to facilitate the continued provision of natural gas to electric generation facilities during peak demand in the summer. The PUC remains dedicated to ensuring that market rules support the investment needed for our growing state and vibrant economy.

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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 <http://www.puc.texas.gov>.