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Public Utility Commission Renews Call for Electricity Conservation

Austin, TX – With the thermometer lurking around 100-degrees across most of the state and the energy demands of a vibrant state economy maintaining a strong pace, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) echoed ERCOT’s [call](#) for Texans to ease up on afternoon electricity use at week’s end. “Over the past few weeks, the ERCOT system has experienced significant demand due to sustained high temperatures and a thriving economy.” said [DeAnn Walker](#), Chairman of the PUC. “Operating at high efficiency like this can be a bit of a balancing act so the PUC and ERCOT are working together to encourage Texans to conserve on Thursday and Friday afternoon.”

With the National Weather Service predicting temperatures at or above 100 degrees for most areas of the state over the next week, Texans are advised to make minor adjustments in consumption from 2pm to 7pm on Thursday and Friday, when days are at their hottest.

The PUC advises residential and business customers alike to reduce their electricity usage with simple adjustments like bumping air conditioning thermostats up at least two degrees and turning off unnecessary lighting. Customers are also asked to wait until after sunset to run energy-intensive appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and pool pumps.

For Texans interested in keeping tabs on the ERCOT grid, an app is available on the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#). They can also check the color-coded “Electric Grid Status” section on the right hand side of the PUC’s homepage or visit www.PowerToSaveTexas.org for low-cost conservation tips and other energy efficiency-related home improvements.

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