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PUC Imposes More Than \$325,000 in Penalties

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Also Revokes Eight Non-Functioning CCNs, Appoints Temporary Manager

AUSTIN – The Public Utility Commission of Texas approved six settlement agreements, ordering the payment of \$328,500 in administrative penalties. The Commission also revoked eight certificates of convenience and necessity (CCNs) and appointed a temporary manager to a water utility.

The Commission approved a settlement agreement against a retail electric provider regarding a history of failing to timely file annual reports (Docket <u>49408</u>) The REP agreed to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000. The Commission also approved a settlement agreement against another REP regarding improper enrollment, bills, and disconnection notices (Docket <u>49684</u>). The REP agreed to pay an administrative penalty of \$90,000.

The Commission also took up three settlement agreements involving Emergency Response Service, a demand response tool used to maintain grid reliability. The Commission approved penalties of \$8,500 (Docket 49281), \$25,000 (Docket 49698), and \$15,000 (Docket 49731) against three Qualified Scheduling Entities (QSEs). In addition, the Commission approved a settlement against another QSE involving capacity shortfalls, inaccurate telemetry, and failure to send notifications to all required parties. The QSE agreed to pay an administrative penalty of \$180,000 (Docket 49784).

The Commission also ordered the revocation of eight water CCNs because the business entity that held the CCN no longer existed (Dockets <u>48458</u>, <u>48459</u>, <u>48460</u>, <u>48469</u>, <u>48470</u>, <u>48471</u>, <u>48472</u>, <u>48473</u>).

Finally, the Commission ordered the appointment of a temporary manager to a water utility (Docket 49871).

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