

## Public Utility Commission of Texas

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### **Public Utility Commission of Texas Says Power Grid Ready for Winter Storm**

*Reminds Texans Local Outages are not Grid-Related Events*

**Austin, TX** – The Public Utility Commission of Texas is closely monitoring the state’s energy grid preparedness and reliability as an arctic cold front and winter weather moves into Texas. Current forecasts indicate there will be enough power generation statewide to meet the projected electric demand.

“The grid is ready, and the lights will stay on for Texans,” said PUC Chairman Peter Lake. “Working together with Governor Abbott, the Texas Legislature and ERCOT, we have in place monumental reforms requiring winterization of electric generation and transmission operations and programs that will make more power available more quickly when needed. Also, well before the storm, many generators began securing additional resources to ensure they have the fuel they need to generate electricity regardless of weather conditions.”

The PUC is also working with energy providers to ensure they are ready to quickly respond to local outages during the storm. Some local outages are likely as a result of the icing of electric infrastructure and power lines. It’s important to remember that local outages are not a system-wide issue or related to grid reliability. If you experience an outage, please contact your local provider for updates. If you need help identifying your provider or finding their contact information, please visit our website at [www.puc.texas.gov/storm](http://www.puc.texas.gov/storm).

“Power companies across Texas are on stand-by with extra resources including trucks and personnel to respond as quickly and safely as possible to local outages,” Lake said. “These local outages can be caused by ice accumulating on power lines, falling trees or tree branches or other winter weather-related causes. Please follow the guidance of state and local emergency management officials throughout this winter weather event to keep yourself and your family safe.”

Additional information is available on the PUC Storm Resources page, including links to road conditions, weather updates and Texas Division of Emergency Management updates.

#### **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>.