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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

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July 7, 2021

Governor Greg Abbott  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Governor Abbott:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 6, 2021 and to express wholehearted agreement with its contents. The Public Utility Commission shares your commitment to the reliability of the ERCOT grid and is relentlessly striving to ensure it meets the standards of performance that Texans deserve.

My fellow commissioners and I have been working closely with agency staff and ERCOT leadership to expedite grid and market improvements commensurate with your direction and the 87th Legislature's mandate. To date, we have:

- Directed ERCOT to take a more aggressive approach to managing the grid to expand reserves, establishing a margin of safety to enhance grid reliability,
- Increased accountability by shortening ERCOT's disclosure timeline on generator outages,
- Reduced the potential for excess cost during crises through new ERCOT rules,
- Launched a series of public work sessions to engage stakeholders in the process of redesigning the ERCOT market, and
- Enhanced outreach efforts to Texans with an emphasis on more frequent, proactive and clear communications.

In separate correspondence to you, ERCOT will be providing related information on the technical implementation of relevant policies.

In the coming months, we will continue working to implement your direction and related legislation. This includes rapidly crafting rules to carry out the mandates of the new laws. The people of Texas deserve a reliable grid and we will utilize every tool and resource at our disposal to make that a reality.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Lake".

Peter Lake  
Chairman

