

# ***PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS***

**OPEN MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020, 5:50 P.M.  
Commissioners' Hearing Room  
7th Floor, William B. Travis Building**

**The public may participate in this open meeting remotely by calling in to this toll-free number: (877) 226-9790 and using the access code 4910439#.**

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In accordance with section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code, the Public Utility Commission of Texas is giving notice that it will convene a meeting to address an emergency and urgent public necessity. On August 23, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott certified that Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura pose an imminent threat of disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds, in Aransas, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Matagorda, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Willacy counties and declared a state of disaster for those counties. On August 25, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation amending the August 23 disaster proclamation by adding the following additional counties: Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Cass, Cherokee, Dallas, Fort Bend, Franklin, Gregg, Grimes, Harrison, Houston, Leon, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Polk, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Walker, Wailer, Wharton, and Wood. On August 26, Governor Abbott further amended the August 23 disaster proclamation by adding the counties of Camp, Ellis, and Tarrant. On August 27, 2020, Hurricane Laura made landfall with resulting damage that is impairing the safe and reliable delivery of electric power.

The convening of this meeting is necessary to allow the Commission to address the imminent threat to public health and safety due to this impairment of delivery of electricity in certain areas of Texas due to Hurricane Laura. The Commission must determine whether it should exercise its authority of section 38.072 of the Public Utility Regulatory act to order the sale of electricity to meet the demands of the people of Texas for electricity. Without such order, the provision of electricity to some of the citizens of Texas could be interrupted during this disaster.

Due to the emergency conditions resulting from these disasters, as declared by the Governor, these matters cannot wait for the Commission's next regularly scheduled open meeting on September 10, 2020. Accordingly, the Commission must meet promptly to discuss and possibly take action, including the issuance of orders, to require the sale of electricity to meet the demands of people in Texas.