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Commissioner Brandy Marty Marquez Resigns from the Public Utility Commission of Texas

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) announces today that Commissioner Brandy Marty Marquez will officially resign from her position on the Commission effective April 2, 2018. Marquez has served on the Commission since August 2013.

“The State of Texas has benefitted greatly from the more than 17 years of dedicated service from Brandy Marquez,” said Governor Greg Abbott. “Her commitment and passion for public service have been on full display throughout her impressive career. I commend Brandy for her extraordinary accomplishments during her tenure as Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and I wish her the best in all her future endeavors.”

During her service to the state, Marquez worked in several key roles including Chief of Staff to Governor Rick Perry during the 83rd Legislative Session. Her previous leadership roles in the governor’s office include Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of the Budget, Planning and Policy Division, and Deputy Legislative Director. Marquez was also Policy Director for Perry’s successful 2010 gubernatorial primary campaign.

While at the Commission, Marquez served on the Texas Reliability Entity where she focused on vital issues ranging from cyber security to regional standards and enforcement issues. She also sat on the Nuclear Waste Storage Coalition which focuses on finding a solution to our nuclear waste storage issues across the country.

“I leave the Commission knowing that the agency will continue serving our great state with fairness under the principled leadership of Chairman DeAnn Walker and Commissioner Arthur D’Andrea. Supported by the best staff of any Texas agency, the PUC will continue working tirelessly on behalf of stakeholders and consumers. I am honored to have served my fellow Texans. I leave with a happy heart.”

A tally of the agency’s accomplishments since her appointment reflect the diversity of issues handled by the PUC. Whether she was ironing out issues around water rules, rulemakings, and contested cases after water was moved from TCEQ to the PUC or helping the Commission combat onerous federal regulations, Marquez emphasized honest conversations and a Texas-first approach. This was reflected in her efforts to ensure fair customer rates like those in the Sharyland territory and address transmission issues like those related to the Houston Import Project. Those priorities culminated today when she ruled in favor of Sempra Energy’s deal to acquire Oncor, the state’s largest TDU, which will help to end the \$9.45 billion bankruptcy.

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