

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) adopts new §27.31, relating to Historically Underutilized Businesses with no changes to the proposed text as published in the November 17, 2000 *Texas Register* (25 TexReg 11361). The commission received no comments on the proposed rule. The rule is necessary to comply with Texas Government Code §2161.003, which requires the commission to adopt the General Services Commission rules for Historically Underutilized Businesses. The new rule adopts by reference the rules of the Texas General Services Commission in 1 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §§111.11, 111.13, 111.14, 111.26, and 111.27, relating to the historically underutilized business (HUB) program for state purchases. This new section was adopted under Project Number 23025.

This section is adopted under the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Texas Utilities Code Annotated §14.002 and §14.052 (Vernon 1998, Supplement 2000) (PURA) which provides the commission with the authority to make and enforce rules reasonably required in the exercise of its powers and jurisdiction, including rules of practice and procedure.

Cross Reference to Statutes: Public Utility Regulatory Act §14.002 and §14.052; and 1 Texas Administrative Code §§111.11, 111.13, 111.14, 111.26, and 111.27.

**§27.31. Historically Underutilized Business Program.**

The commission adopts by reference the rules of the Texas General Services Commission in 1 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§111.11, 111.13, 111.14, 111.26, and 111.27, relating to the Historically Underutilized Business Program.

This agency hereby certifies that the rule, as adopted, has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority. It is therefore ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas that §27.31 relating to the historically underutilized business (HUB) program for state purchases is hereby adopted with no changes to the text as proposed.

**ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THE 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**Chairman Pat Wood, III**

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**Commissioner Judy Walsh**

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**Commissioner Brett A. Perlman**