

The Sunset Review of the Texas Public Utility Commission

The Sunset Advisory Commission reviewed the Texas Public Utility Commission in 2010 and made recommendations to the 82nd Legislature on the agency, including its continuance, but the bill incorporating these recommendations failed to pass. Other legislation that passed in the 1st Called Session of the 82nd Legislative Session continues the Texas Public Utility Commission under the Sunset Act until 2013, and limits the Sunset Commission's review to the appropriateness of its recommendations to the 82nd Legislature.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Office of Public Utility Counsel were also reviewed at the same time as the Public Utility Commission. Recommendations on these agencies were included in the failed Sunset legislation containing recommendations on the Texas Public Utility Commission, but the Legislature did not place the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Office of Public Utility Counsel under Sunset review for 2013, extending these dates into the future.

The Sunset Commission staff has begun its review of recommendations related to the Texas Public Utility Commission. The Sunset Commission's recommendations on the Commission from last session are available on the Sunset Commission's website in the [Final Report on the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, and the Office of Public Utility Counsel](#) and the [Final Supplement to the Sunset Staff Report on the Public Utility Commission of Texas](#).

Sunset staff will issue an updated report containing recommendations on the Texas Public Utility Commission in mid-November 2012. The Sunset Commission will then meet to hear public testimony on the agency and the recommendations of the Sunset staff. This meeting is scheduled for December 18-19, 2012. Please refer to the Sunset Commission's website or call the Sunset office for updated meeting schedule information. Based on public input and the Sunset staff report, the Sunset Commission will adopt recommendations on January 9, 2013, for legislative consideration.

If you would like to share your ideas about the recommendations previously made by the Sunset Commission on the Texas Public Utility Commission, you may send an email to the address below, use the comment form on the Sunset Commission website, or contact Karl Spock of the Sunset staff. Suggestions are preferred by Monday, October 1, so they can be fully considered by the Sunset staff.

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