



88th Legislative Session PUCT Status

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Introduction

This document summarizes the PUCT's progress in implementing statutory requirements that affect the organization and arise from legislation adopted by the 88th Legislature in 2023.

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Key Phrases

Proposal for Publication (PFP)

- A draft of a proposed rule that the Commission files on its website and publishes in the Texas Register to formally initiate a rulemaking proceeding.

Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA)

- In 1975, the Texas Legislature enacted the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) and created the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to provide statewide regulation of the rates and services of electric and telecommunications utilities

Texas Water Code (TWC)

- The Texas Water Code is the enabling statute that provides the PUCT with the authority to regulate the water and sewer services for the state of Texas.

Project

- Commission staff opens a 'project' with a unique number on the agency information *interchange* platform on its website for different agency initiatives. Projects are opened to gather information and other input from interested persons for policy building initiatives, including rulemakings, and other initiatives undertaken by the Commission.

Interchange

- Web-based application for filing documents in dockets before the PUCT.



House Bill 1500 Status

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Status	Bill, Author	Brief Description	Section of Code	Project #	Latest Action	Industry
	HB 1, §7	Requires that the PUCT report activities of a data analysis team, funded by general appropriations, to the Legislative Budget Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission, and the Legislature by December 1 every year.	Page VIII-51 of HB 1 (not codified)	Project No. 56335	Report completed by 12/1, can be found here .	Electric, Water, Telecommunications
	HB 1500, §4 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Prepare an agency report by Jan 15th of each odd numbered year.	PURA §12.203	Project No. 56335	The 2025 PUCT biennial report is available here .	Electric
	H.B. 1500, §7 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Revises the standards and process by which Voluntary Mitigation Plans (VMP) are reviewed and approved or denied by the Commission. In addition, the proposed rule will reduce the protection that a VMP affords a generation entity in a proceeding to determine a violation.	PURA §15.023(b-1) and (f)	Project No. 55948	16 TAC §25.504 effective on 05/15/2024.	Electric
	H.B. 1500, §7 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Increases the authorized penalty for violations of Voluntary Mitigation Plans up to \$1,000,000 per violation. This is achieved through streamlining various sections (§§25.8 and 22.246) to more clearly define the possible violations and their penalty levels.	PURA §15.023(b-1) and (f)	Project No. 55955	16 TAC §25.8 effective on 5/15/2024.	Electric
	H.B. 1500, §9 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Establish a reasonable allowance for costs incurred by transmission-owning utilities to interconnect generation resources to the ERCOT transmission system.	PURA §35.004(d-1)(d-2)(d-3) (NEW Subsections)	Project No. 55566	16 TAC §25.195 effective 03/07/2024.	Electric

House Bill 1500 Status

Status	Bill, Author	Brief Description	Section of Code	Project #	Latest Action	Industry
In Progress	H.B. 1500, §8	Requires an electric generation service provider to provide the reason for each unplanned outage.	PURA §35.0022	Project No. 57603	The Commission approved a PFP at the 02/13/2024 OM	Electric
Completed	H.B. 1500, §13 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Requires the Commission to direct each transmission and distribution utility to perform a circuit segmentation study and report the results of the study to the Commission by September 1, 2024.	PURA §38.078	Project No. 55182	Requirements for this report can be found here .	Electric
In Progress	H.B. 1500, §15, §16, §17 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Clarifies the methods by which the Commission can issue directives to ERCOT and requires the Commission to adopt a rule outlining procedure related to issuing directives to ERCOT.	PURA §39.1514	Project No. 52301	Interim process approved.	Electric
Completed	HB 1500, §18	Requires the Commission market monitor to submit a report regarding potential market manipulations and all discovered or potential violations of commission rules or rules of the independent organization.	PURA §39.151	n/a	Report completed by 12/1, can be found here .	Electric
In Progress	H.B. 1500, §22 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Requires ERCOT to develop and implement an ancillary services program to procure dispatchable reliability reserve services (DRRS).	PURA §39.159(d)	Project No. 55797	DRRS to be implemented after Real-Time Co-Optimization	Electric

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	HB 1500, §23 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Dispatchable and Non-Dispatchable Generation Facilities Report	PURA §39.1591	Project No. 54037	Report completed and sent on 12/01/2023. Report can be found here .	Electric
	HB 1500, §24 and §25 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Prepare an Electric Industry Report and a Conflict-of-Interest Report by January 15 of each odd numbered year.	PURA §39.166, and 39.167	n/a	Included in the PUCT's 2025 Agency Report. The 2025 PUCT biennial report is available here .	Electric
	HB 1500, §39 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Directs retail electric providers (REPs) to file an annual report detailing the REP's annual sales in the state, the annual retail sales of its affiliates by number of customers, kilowatts per hour sold, and revenue from kilowatts per hour sold by customer class.	PURA §39.168	Project No. 56736	In the scoping phase.	Electric
	H.B. 1500, §40 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Allows a transmission and distribution utility to lease and operate facilities that provide temporary emergency electric energy to aid in restoring power in certain circumstances.	PURA §39.918(a)(b) and new (a-1)	Project No. 53404	16 TAC §25.56 and §25.59 effective 01/08/2025.	Electric
	HB 1500, §5 Rep. Holland Sen. Schwertner	Repeals the targets for installation of generation capacity from renewable energy technologies and requires ERCOT to maintain an accreditation banking system to award and track voluntary renewable energy credits.	PURA §39.9113	Project No. 55323	New 16 TAC §25.173 effective on 01/01/2024.	Electric

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	HB 1597 Sen. Sparks Rep. Murr	Authorizes affiliates and trade associations to file a telecommunications tariff on behalf of a public utility and establishes an expedited process for Commission review of such tariffs.	PURA §§52.251(a-1), (b),(c), and (d)	Project No. 54589	16 TAC §26.89 , 26.207 , 26.208 , 26.209 , 26.210 , 26.211 is effective 12/21/2023.	Telecommunications
	SB 1425 Sen. Perry Rep. Smithee	Requires small incumbent local exchange companies seeking adjustments to support amounts under the Small and Rural Plan of the Texas Universal Service Fund to publicly submit operational information, such as rate of return, every calendar year.	PURA §§56.032(d-1),(d-2), and (n)	Project No. 54589	16 TAC §26.407 effective 12/21/2023.	Telecommunications
	SB 1699 § 5 Sen. Johnson Rep. Hunter	Requires the Commission to establish goals in the ERCOT power region to reduce the average total residential load.	PURA §39.919	Project No. 56966	PFP approved at 08/29/2024 open meeting. Comments were due 9/27/2024.	Electric
	SB 1710 Sen. Perry Rep. Burrows	Amends support amounts available under the Small and Rural Plan and High Cost Plan of the Texas Universal Service Fund for eligible telecommunications providers and adds provisions relating to the expiration and relinquishment of Texas Universal Service Fund support.	PURA 56.023(f), (g),(h),(i), (k),(q),(t), and (u)	Project No. 54589	16 TAC §26.405 is effective 12/21/2023.	Telecommunications

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In Progress	SB 1015 Sen. King Rep. Spiller	Revises the administrative process for the periodic adjustment and recovery of a utility's distribution-related costs.	PURA §36.210	Project No. 56199	Staff working on drafting a PFP.	Electric
Completed	HB 2555 Rep. Metcalf Sen. Schwertner	Establishes the requirements and procedures for an electric utility to submit a resiliency plan to enhance the resiliency of its transmission and distribution systems. Additionally, the rule delineates the Commission review process for the plans.	PURA §38.078	Project No. 55250	New 16 TAC §25.62 effective 02/08/2024.	Electric
Completed	HB 4559 Rep. Darby Sen. Huffman	Updates the county population numbers in §§24.233 and 24.245	TWC §§13.245, 13.254, and 13.2541	Project No. 56223	16 TAC §24.233 and §24.245 Effective 08/14/2024	Water
Completed	HB 5066 Rep. Geren Sen. Schwertner	Requires the Commission to direct ERCOT to develop a reliability plan for the Permian Basin region by January 30, 2024.	PURA §39.167	Project No. 55718	ERCOT's Permian Basin Reliability Study available here .	Electric
In Progress	HB 5066 Rep. Geren Sen. Schwertner	Requires the Commission to direct ERCOT to develop reliability plans for regions with insufficient transmission capacity.	PURA §37.056(c)(c-1)	Project No. 55249	Staff is actively scoping.	Electric

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	SB 2627 Sen. Schwertner Rep. Hunter	Establish the Texas Energy Fund In-ERCOT Generation Loan Program. The new rule establishes procedures for applying for a loan for construction of dispatchable electric generation facilities within the ERCOT region, evaluation criteria, and terms for repayment. The new rule also specifies a performance standard that an electric generating facility must achieve to obtain a loan.	PURA §34.0104	Project No. 55826	16 TAC §25.510 effective 04/23/2024.	Electric
	SB 2627 Sen. Schwertner Rep. Hunter	Establishes procedures for applying for a completion bonus grant award as well as terms for an applicant to request an annual grant payment. The new rule also specifies performance standards that an electric generating facility must achieve to obtain a completion bonus grant payment.	PURA §34.0105	Project No. 55812	16 TAC §25.511 effective 05/15/2024.	Electric
	SB 2627 Sen. Schwertner Rep. Hunter	Establishes the Texas Backup Power Package program portion of the Texas Energy Fund.	PURA §34.0204	Project No. 57236	Staff is holding a workshop on 03/20/2025.	Electric
	SB 2627 Sen. Schwertner Rep. Hunter	Establishes the Grants Outside ERCOT program portion of the Texas Energy Fund.	PURA §34.0201	Project No. 57004	New 16 TAC §25.512 effective 03/05/2025.	Electric

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	SB 365 Rep. Landgraf Sen. Zaffirini	Establishes a requirement for a CCN applicant to provide notice of each proposed substation to adjacent property owners.	PURA §37.054(c)(c-1)(c-2)	Project No. 55153	16 TAC §22.52 effective 12/20/2023.	Electric
	SB 1076 Rep. Geren Sen. King	Reduces the time the Commission has to consider electric certificate of convenience and necessity applications from 360 to 180 days. This rulemaking will also amend procedural requirements to enable the Commission to meet this condensed evaluation timeframe.	PURA §37.057	n/a	Internal process adopted.	Electric
	SB 1929 Sen. Johnson Rep. Dean	Requires large virtual currency mining facilities to register with the Commission and to provide certain information about the load to the Commission to ensure grid reliability.	PURA §39.360	Project No. 56962	16 TAC §25.114 effective 12/05/2024	Electric
	HB 2373 Rep. Harris Sen. Nichols	Repeals substantial similarity language from statute that will let utilities apply for one, single rate for all their systems without having to prove up that they are substantially similar.	TWC §13.145	Project No. 56691	16 TAC §24.25 and §24.238 effective 09/05/2024	Water

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Status	Bill, Author	Brief Description	Section of Code	Project #	Latest Action	Industry
	SB 2119 Sen. Schwertner Rep. Hunter	Requires the Broadband Development Office (BDO) and the PUCT to jointly create a map that shows areas in the state that are classified as eligible for state broadband services, areas that are served by eligible service providers that receive support from the state Universal Service Fund (USF).	Texas Government Code §4901.01051	Project No. 56335	16 TAC 24.361 and 16 TAC 24.50 effective 11/6/2024	Telecommunications