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Hurricane Laura Impacting The Woodlands with Outages

Strategic pauses required to balance load due to storm-related damage to generation capabilities across MISO

AUSTIN – The Public Utility Commission of Texas has been notified that the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) is working with Entergy to reduce 300 megawatts of power in the Woodlands in order to balance the loss of generation and transmission caused by Hurricane Laura damage. As a result, Entergy is implementing controlled outages in The Woodlands area of Montgomery County.

“System stability is always a critical priority and takes additional balancing after a major storm,” said DeAnn Walker, Chairman of the PUC. “These strategic reductions to power are being carefully managed by the team at Entergy and will continue until stability can be restored to the MISO grid.”

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