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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

To: Chairman DeAnn T. Walker
Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea
Commissioner Shelly Botkin

From: Connie Corona, Chief Program Officer

Date: August 10, 2020

Re: Project No. 50664, *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the Coronavirus Disease 2019*

At the March 26, 2020 open meeting, the Commission issued an order establishing the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program (Program or ERP). On July 16, 2020 the Commission extended the Program until August 31, 2020. Staff has identified the following issues related to the conclusion of the Program for the Commission's review.

Program End Date

The end of enrollment and the end of the benefits should be separate dates to allow all eligible customers a meaningful opportunity to benefit from the program. As detailed below, Staff recommends that enrollments end on August 31, and Program benefits end on September 30, 2020.

Timeline

The following timeline would allow all eligible customers a minimum one month benefit from the Program.

- August 28, 2020 – final HHSC-based enrollment list sent to REPs
- August 31, 2020 – self-enrollment via Solix using unemployment benefits ends
- September 4, 2020 – final self-enrollment list provided to REPs
- September 30, 2020 – last day of disconnection protection, last invoice date eligible for financial assistance (including delivery charge suppression), last date for satisfactory credit deposit protection
- October 1, 2020 – disconnections for nonpayment may resume for Program enrollees to whom notice has been provided at least ten, but no more than 30, days in advance.
- November 30, 2020 – last day for a REP to request delivery charge suppression and reimbursement of energy charges (first business day after November 29, which is 90 days from the end of ERP enrollment).
- January 15, 2021 – final Program report due from each REP and TDU.