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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Harika Basaran, Market Analysis Division  
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**DATE:** December 15, 2021

**RE:** Project No. 52345 – *Critical Natural Gas Facilities and Entities*  
Project No. 52964 – *Utility Email Addresses for Provision of Critical Customer Information Under 25.52*

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On November 30, 2021, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) adopted amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §25.52, relating to Reliability and Continuity of Service.<sup>1</sup> On November 30, 2021, Railroad Commission of Texas adopted new TAC §3.65 relating to the Critical Designation of Natural Gas Infrastructure. These amendments implement PURA §38.074, added by House Bill 3648 and Senate Bill 3, relating to establishing a process to designate certain natural gas facilities and entities in Texas as critical customers during energy emergencies.

The rules require the operator of a critical natural gas facility to provide critical customer information to the utility from which the critical natural gas facility receives electric delivery service, and for critical natural gas facilities located in the ERCOT region, the independent

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<sup>1</sup> Project No -52345 Order Adopting Amendments to §25.52 As Approved at The November 30, Work Session (December 2, 2021)

organization certified under PURA §39.151<sup>2</sup> by January 15, 2022.<sup>3</sup> The Commission will maintain on its website a list of utility email addresses to be used for the provision of critical customer information.

Staff requests each utility file the following information in Project No. 52964, *Utility Email Addresses for Provision of Critical Customer Information Under 25.52*, by December 29, 2021:

- Name of the utility
- Power region or Balancing Authority if applicable (ERCOT SPP, MISO)
- Email address for critical natural gas customer information submissions; and
- Primary contact and phone number

Information regarding critical natural gas requirements, including the list of utility email addresses and any additional guidance, will be available on the Commission website by January 03, 2022.

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<sup>2</sup> 16 TAC §25.52 (h) Critical Natural Gas Facilities

<sup>3</sup> 16 TAC §3.65 (d) Acknowledgement of Critical Status