



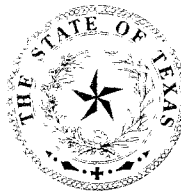
Control Number: 37142



Item Number: 1

Addendum StartPage: 0

DK 37142



6915 ANTOINE, SUITE E
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77091
713-683-6363

State of Texas
House of Representatives
SYLVESTER TURNER
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

RECEIVED
2009 JUN 23 PM 2:06
P.O. BOX 2910
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78768-2910
PUBLIC FILING CLEAR
512-463-0554

June 23, 2009

Chairman Barry T. Smitherman
Commissioner Donna L. Nelson
Commissioner Kenneth W. Anderson, Jr.
Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Chairman Smitherman, Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Anderson:

I am writing to request that you adopt the attached "petition for emergency disconnection rule" as an emergency disconnection rule for the period beginning with the rules filing with the Secretary of State and ending on September 30, 2009.

Residential electric rates in Texas are among the highest in the nation and our state is currently experiencing record high temperatures. The effect of weather and high electric rates is a dangerous combination particularly for vulnerable populations including the elderly, low income families and the medically fragile.

It is my intent to send an addendum at some point in the near future with the signatures of other State Legislators and advocacy groups supporting this petition. The tragic death of 56-year-old Herbert Gaston in Houston Texas yesterday is the reason I'm filling this petition today. His death due to underlying medical issues and heat exposure is one too many and the time to act is now.

1.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that the provision of electricity to the citizens of this state is a necessity, not a luxury. It is critically important that we create safeguards when we deem them necessary. By adopting this rule, I believe we would be taking a step in the right direction to prevent the deaths of more Texans in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sylvester Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sylvester Turner
State Representative, District 139

PROJECT NO. 37142

**PETITION OF STATE
REPRESENTATIVE SYLVESTER
TURNER, AARP, ONE VOICE TEXAS,
TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER,
TEXAS RATEPAYERS'
ORGANIZATION TO SAVE ENERGY
FOR ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY
DISCONNECTION RULE**

§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY DISCONNECTION RULE

TO THE HONORABLE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS:

COMES NOW, State Representative Sylvester Turner; AARP; One Voice Texas; Texas Legal Services Center; and Texas Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy (collectively "Petitioners"); and respectfully request, pursuant to TEXAS GOV'T. CODE § 2001.34 and P.U.C. PROCEDURAL R. § 22.283, the adoption of this petition for an emergency rule making relating to the suspension (moratorium) of disconnection of electric service during the summer months of the year 2009 (immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State - September 30, 2009).

Petitioners have attached the proposed draft rule for adoption¹, along with a request for a comprehensive detailed report that will record and make available all information necessary to properly evaluate the financial effects of such a rule on the market, the number of customers who participate in the moratorium and the effects of the rule on preventing disconnection of services during the summer months.²

¹ Proposed Emergency Rule, see Attachment A.

² See Attachment B.

I. Reason for Emergency Petition - Imminent Peril:

Summer is officially here and the month of May leading up to summer was the "fourth warmest since worldwide records began in 1880" according to an analysis by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.³ Not only was it one of the warmest months of May on record, the National Weather Associations current 8-14 day outlook places all of Texas in varying levels of above average temperatures.⁴

It is the Petitioners position that waiting for temperatures to continue to increase and risk the possibility of another heat related death in the state of Texas is unacceptable. According to a Local Houston news source, yesterday June 22nd 2009, which was the hottest day of the year according to the story, Houston had its first heat related death.⁵ Also current weather forecast as of June 22, 2009 predict that all the major metropolitan areas in Texas will be experiencing temperatures in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the next ten days. Cities like Laredo in the Valley will have temperatures in excess of 100 degrees every day for the next ten days with no immediate relief in sight.⁶ It is also noted that all of Northern Texas and the Panhandle are under a High Heat Index Warning from June 22, 2009 - June 25, 2009.⁷

The current and future Texas weather for the remainder of the summer poses an imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, TEXAS GOV'T. CODE § 2001.34 and P.U.C. PROCEDURAL R. 22.283 are applicable to the current situation in Texas, and the Commission may proceed with an emergency rule making to address this

³ NOAA: Fourth Warmest May for Globe, June 17, 2009.
http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories/2009/20090617_globalmay.html

⁴ National Weather Service, Climate Prediction Center. Friday June 22, 2009.
<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/814day/814temp.new.gif>

⁵ KHOU Local News, *ME: First Heat Related Death in Houston*, Courtney Zubowski (June 23, 2009)
http://www.khou.com/news/local/stories/khou090622_mp_man-dies-from-heat.1727198d.html. The victim was a 56 year old man who had pre-existing cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases.

⁶ Information collected by doing a zip code search for the following cities and looking at the 10 day forward forecast. Cities searched with days over 100 degrees; Austin - 8 of 10, Dallas - 4 of 10, Houston - 2 of 10, San Antonio - 5 of 10, Laredo - 10 of 10 days with high temperature in excess of 100 degrees fahrenheit. June 22, 2009. http://www.weather.com/?from-gn_logo_welcome.

⁷ NOAA Temp./Wind U.S. Hazard Assessment, <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. See Attachment C.

imminent peril. The Commission has the discrepancy and an obligation as public servants to move forward with an emergency petition even if the imminent peril only exists in limited geographic areas.

According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary (online edition) the definition of imminent is, "ready to take place"⁸. With one reported death in Houston, the threat of heat related deaths is now actual. Notwithstanding that, the emergency provisions of the Government Code and the PUC Procedural Rules do not call for such peril to be actual, only imminent. It is therefore proper to move forward quickly and protect the public from further actual harm. We are certain of one thing and that is that Texans will be exposed to life threatening heat temperatures this summer and some will fall victim to the Texas summer heat. It happens every year. According to a report by the Texas Department of State Health Services, "from 1999-2004, there were 258 deaths reported among Texas residents with exposure to excessive natural heat as the underlying cause of death."⁹ This is an average of 43 a year during that period. While it is not the opinion of the Petitioners that a disconnect moratorium can or will prevent all heat related deaths in the State of Texas, it is our position that adopting the proposed emergency rule will assure that such deaths will not occur because of lack of electricity in someone's place of residence.

II. System Benefit Fund, Current Rules, & Voluntary Programs - No Assurance of Systematic Protection:

System Benefit Fund (SBF):

One reason for the Commission denying a 2007 petition calling for a disconnect moratorium was because the SBF was funded by the legislature and low income customers were already receiving a discount.¹⁰ While Petitioners acknowledge the SBF has been funded again, and recent PUC staff recommendations call for a 17% - 19% LITE-UP TEXAS discount this summer, we take the position that this does not adequately protect customers from disconnection and the special dangers the heat poses

⁸ Merriam Webster Dictionary Online, <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/imminent>.

⁹ Texas Department of State Health Services, Temperature-Related Deaths, Texas, 1999-2004, <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/CHS/VSTAT/Hotcolddths/hotcolddths.shtm>.

¹⁰ Project No. 34400, Order Denying Petition for Emergency and Permanent Rules at 3 (July 31, 2007).

in the summer months. First, Texans are paying 43% - 66% higher electricity rates for their **residential electricity** than neighboring states such as Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas according to information gathered from the United States Department of Energy.¹¹ Pair electricity price increases with our current economic crisis, an unemployment level at 7.1%, a level not seen in Texas since 1993¹², and the known fact that electricity usage and electricity bills increase in the summer months. These conditions create a unique situation which will not only cause many people who are currently receiving LITE-UP TEXAS discounts to be threatened with disconnection of electric services this summer but others as well. The situation is even more severe for low-income customers who are not receiving the discount.

During the months of May through September in 2008 when SBF was also funded, over 446,000 residential customers had the electricity service disconnected at some point during those months.¹³ During the same time 302 Critical Care Customers were threatened with disconnection orders, whether they were disconnected or not is unclear. These numbers present far too many disconnections during the dangerous heat of the summer months. The proposed emergency rule we bring forth for the Commission's consideration would provide a more appropriate and systematic protection program for Texas residents.

Current Rules:

As duly noted in previous petitions in 2006 and 2007,¹⁴ P.U.C. PROCEDURAL R. § 25.483 does not adequately or systematically protect residential customers in Texas. The same trend of extremely high heat indices exceeding 105 degrees Fahrenheit and no "extreme weather emergency" being issued is already continuing this year. Last week (June 15, 2009 - June 19, 2009), according to NOAA Special Weather Statements, 49

¹¹ http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epm/table5_6_a.html. See Attachment D.

¹² United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Database, Tables and Calculators by Subject - *Unemployment 1980-2009*. <http://data.bls.gov/PDO/servlet/SurveyOutputServlet>.

¹³ Data for Summer 2008 Disconnect for Non-Pay, provided by the PUC to the Office of State Representative Sylvester Turner,

¹⁴ See, P.U.C. Project No. 32874, Items 1 and 14; See also, P.U.C. Project No. 34400, Petition to Adopt Emergency and Permanent Customer Protection Rules at 11, sec. F. (June 13, 2007).

counties in Texas were issued statements indicating heat indices between 105 - 109 degrees, and 46 counties were issued statements indicating heat indices between 100 - 105 degrees Fahrenheit.¹⁵ As noted earlier in the petition, temperatures are expected to be higher this week than last week with many locations around the state in triple digits.

To ensure the appropriate protection levels when the heat indices reach dangerous levels¹⁶ and to offer a consistent and systematic application of a rule, Petitioners put forth in the proposed rule a straight forward approach. The proposed rule will prohibit disconnection during any period when on any one of the previous two calendar days, the National Weather Service observes a heat index of 105 degrees Fahrenheit or more in any part of a county in the relevant service territory. Petitioners believe this is a long needed and uniform approach that many other States have taken to ensure a uniform application of heat based protection.¹⁷

Voluntary Programs:

In past denials of petitions very similar to this, the Commission has also stated as one of the reasons for denying the petition, the implementation of 'voluntary programs' limiting disconnections in the summer months by utility companies.¹⁸ According to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs website as of June 22, 2009, only two companies [TXU Energy & Reliant] have announced such programs for the summer of 2009. Petitioners point out two problems with denying a petition for the reason of the existence of voluntary programs. First, as the title itself implies, these programs are voluntary. There are no regulatory assurances that these programs will be honored and implemented in a neutral and systematic manner which will equally protect all vulnerable customers. Petitioners proposed rule would protect all vulnerable customers. Any unequal application of such a fundamental and necessary protection to keep one's electricity on in the extreme Texas summer heat would be an injustice to those not treated and protected equally.

¹⁵ Data collected from NOAA, <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/alerts>. See Attachment E.

¹⁶ See FN 5, P.U.C. Project No. 34400, Petition to Adopt Emergency and Permanent Customer Protection Rules at 5 (June 13, 2007).

¹⁷ State Disconnect Policies - LIHEAP Clearinghouse, <http://liheap.ncat.org/Disconnect/disconnect.htm>.

¹⁸ Project No. 35973, Order Denying Petition for Emergency and Permanent Rules, Item 7 at 2 (October 7, 2008); *See also*, Project No. 35973, Item Number 6, Memorandum at 1. (August 28, 2008).

Second, the voluntary programs simply do not cover and protect all vulnerable customers in the market. As noted by Chairman Smitherman last year in a *Memorandum* addressing an emergency petition, he noted that with "TXU Energy, Reliant, and Direct, over 85% of low income residential customers... are covered."¹⁹ Thus far Direct Energy has not announced such a voluntary program for this summer. Therefore, at the very least, over 15% of the low income residential customers in the competitive market are not protected. We take the position, that 100% of vulnerable customers in the market should be given the opportunity, if not the right of protection.

The Chairman goes on to "advise" any customer currently not with a company offering a voluntary protection to switch. However, this suggestion fails to take into account the additional financial burden that switching REPs can cause a customer. Switching can cause a customer to pay cancellation fees from current contracts (\$200 cancelation fee, Kinetic Energy)²⁰; subsequently a customer who is switching to a new company with a voluntary program may be subject to a deposit to start service according to §25.477 and §25.478 of the PUCT Substantive Rules and Tex. Util. Code §17.008. Such a deposit can be up to, one-fifth of the customer's estimated annual billing; or the sum of the estimated billings for the next two months.²¹ These amounts can easily be in excess of the amount of money owed for which a customer is seeking disconnection protection. The difficulty and costs of switching companies, does not make it a viable option for many customer not currently protected. This is why a market wide protection by rule, such as Petitioners put forth today is the appropriate policy. It is Petitioners position that vital customer protections are rights of the customers; they are not extra services to be bought and sold in the competitive market.

III. Conclusion:

In closing, due to the combination of high electricity prices, economic downturns, high employment rates which are continuing to rise, and the imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare that the Texas summer heat will bring our vulnerable citizens,

¹⁹ Project No. 35973, Item Number 6, Memorandum at 1. (August 28, 2008).

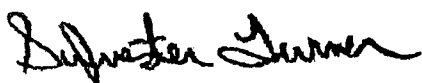
²⁰ powertochoose.org, zip code 77091 available offers chart, Kinetic Energy Terms of Service.

²¹ P.U.C.T SUBST. R. §25.478 (e).

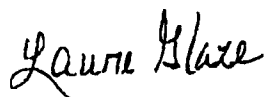
Petitioners stress the importance of this request and the consequences of its denial. Petitioners gratefully appreciate the Commissions' taking the time to review this request and give it the proper attention it deserves.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission immediately approve the attached Proposed Order and that a moratorium on disconnection of electric service be placed in effect immediately through September 30, 2009. Petitioners also respectfully request an emergency meeting on this matter in order to expedite this issue as soon as practicable.

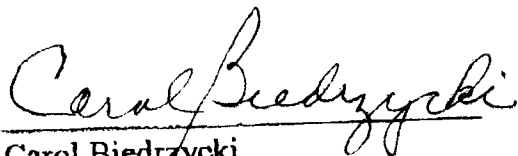
Respectfully Submitted,



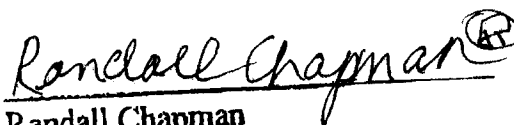
The Honorable Sylvester Turner



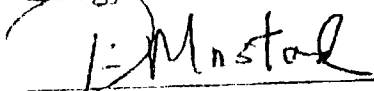
Laurie Glaze
One Voice Texas



Carol Biedrzycki
Texas Ratepayers' Organization to Save
Energy



Randall Chapman
Texas Legal Services Center



Tim Morstad
AARP, Texas

Date: June 23, 2009

Attachment A - Proposed Emergency Rule:²²

(a) A retail electric provider, power generation company, aggregator, or other entity that provides retail electric service may not disconnect service to a residential customer during an extreme weather emergency or on a weekend day. The entity providing service shall defer collection of the full payment of bills that are due during an extreme weather emergency until after the emergency is over and shall work with customers to establish a pay schedule for deferred bills. For purposes of this subsection, "extreme weather emergency" means:

(1) a period when the previous day's highest temperature did not exceed 32 degrees Fahrenheit and the temperature is predicted to remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours according to the nearest National Weather Service reports;

(2) a day for which the National Weather Service forecasts that the heat index will reach or exceed 105 degrees Fahrenheit in any part of a county in the relevant service territory; or

(3) a period when, on any one of the previous two calendar days, the National Weather Service observes a heat index of 105 degrees Fahrenheit or more in any part of a county in the relevant service territory.

(b) until September 30 of 2009, a retail electric provider or other entity that provides retail electric service may not disconnect or authorize the disconnection of service to a residential customer who:

²² Modeled on House Bill 3245, 81st (R) Session. Passed out of State Affairs Committee on 4-23-2009, 11 ayes, 2 nays, 2 absent; Placed on Major State Calendar, 5-13-2009; Point of order sustained on Bill, died with no debate on the merits of the bill 5-14-2009.

(1) shows that the customer is a low-income electric customer, as defined by Section 39.903(1), and requests, and complies with the terms of, a deferred payment plan described by Subsection (d);

(2) shows that the customer is a low-income electric customer, as defined by Section 39.903(1), is at least 65 years of age, and requests, and complies with the terms of, a deferred payment plan described by Subsection (f); or

(3) under commission rules, is designated as a critical care residential customer for whom an interruption or suspension of electric service will create a dangerous or life-threatening condition.

(c) On and after July 1, 2010, a retail electric provider or other entity that provides retail electric service shall provide clear notice of the legal protections available under Subsection (b) on or with each disconnection notice issued to a residential customer during the period beginning July 1 and ending September 30 of each year.

(c-1) A retail electric provider or other entity that provides retail electric service shall provide clear notice of the legal protections available under Subsection (b) on or with an invoice issued to a residential customer during the period beginning July 1 and ending September 30 of each year. This subsection expires June 30, 2010.

(d) A retail electric provider or other entity that provides retail electric service, on request, shall offer a residential customer described by Subsection (b)(1) a deferred payment plan that allows the customer to avoid disconnection during the period provided by Subsection (b). The customer is eligible for a plan offered under this subsection if the customer:

(1) does not owe an outstanding balance from a deferred payment plan granted by any provider of electric service in a previous year that allowed the customer to avoid disconnection during the period provided by Subsection (b);

(2) pays a minimum of 33 percent of the outstanding balance due; and

(3) agrees to pay the remaining balance in equal installments over the next five billing cycles, unless the customer agrees to a lesser number of installments.

(e) A customer granted a deferred payment plan under Subsection (d) may continue to avoid disconnection during the period described by Subsection (b) by:

(1) paying the additional amounts that become due, including the installment amount due; or

(2) paying a minimum of 33 percent of the balance then currently due, including any installment amount due, and agreeing to pay the recalculated remaining balance in equal installments over the next five billing cycles, unless the customer agrees to a lesser number of installments.

(f) A retail electric provider or other entity that provides retail electric service, on request, shall offer a residential customer described by Subsection (b)(2) a deferred payment plan that allows the customer to avoid disconnection during the period provided by Subsection (b) without payment of any outstanding balance until after September 30. The customer is eligible for a plan offered under this subsection if the customer agrees to pay:

(1) a minimum of 25 percent of the deferred charges when the first bill issued to the customer after September 30 is due; and

(2) the remaining balance in equal installments over the next five billing cycles, unless the customer agrees to a lesser number of installments.

(g) A retail electric provider or other entity that provides retail electric service shall allow a residential customer described by Subsection (b)(3) to pay unpaid amounts accumulated during the period provided by Subsection (b) over the next six billing cycles beginning with the first bill issued to the customer after September 30.

(h) A retail electric provider or other entity that provides retail electric service may encourage a residential customer described by Subsection (b)(2) or (3) to make a partial payment toward an amount deferred during the period provided by Subsection (b), but the provider shall inform the customer clearly of their options under this rule and that the customer may not be disconnected for nonpayment before October 1 following that period.

(i) The commission by rule shall provide:

(1) uniform standards for an electric utility to apply when designating a critical care residential customer for whom an interruption or suspension of electric service will create a dangerous or life-threatening condition; and

(2) special protections and procedures for an electric utility to apply when disconnecting a critical care residential customer for whom an interruption or suspension of electric service will create a dangerous or life-threatening condition.

(j) Reports shall be provided to the commission and the legislature as follows:

(1) On a monthly basis from July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. ERCOT shall report by county to the Commission in a standard format the dates for which the National Weather Service forecasted that the heat index would reach or exceed

105 degrees Fahrenheit in any part of a county and the date National Weather Service observed a heat index of 105 degrees Fahrenheit or more in any part of a county.

(2) On a monthly basis July 1, 2009 through September 30 each transmission and distribution utility shall report to the Commission in a standard format the dates that disconnections were prohibited because the heat index would reach or exceed 105 degrees Fahrenheit in any part of a county and the dates National Weather Service observed a heat index of 105 degrees Fahrenheit or more in any part of a county.

(3) On a monthly basis from August 1 through January 1, each REP shall report to the Commission in a standard format:

(A) the number of customers taking deferred payment plans under the extreme weather rules, the amount of the deferred payment plans extended, and the amount of revenue collected on the deferred payment plans.

(B) the number of low-income, elderly and critical care customers taking deferred payment plans under the emergency rule, the amount of the deferred payment plans extended, and the amount of revenue collected on the deferred payment plans.

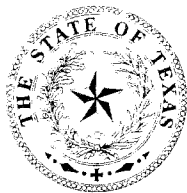
(4) On a monthly basis the Commission shall prepare publicly available monthly reports of all activity and on January 30 2010 the Commission shall provide a report of all activity to the legislature including benefits to customers and costs to the industry.

NOTE:

Petitioners concur with Chairman Smitherman with the concerns that a necessary component of any deferred payment plan must have a "commitment from the customer to pay off the deferred amount."²³ Therefore, to the extent the proposed rule does not address the issue we would encourage and support modification of the proposal to ensure its inclusion.

²³ Project No. 35973, Item Number 6, Memorandum at 3. (August 28, 2008).

Attachment B - Request for Data Collection and Report:



6915 ANTOINE, SUITE E
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77091
713-683-6363

P.O. BOX 2910
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78768-2910
512-463-0554

State of Texas
House of Representatives
SYLVESTER TURNER
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

June 22, 2009

Chairman Barry Smitherman
Commissioner Donna L. Nelson
Commissioner Kenneth W. Anderson, Jr.
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1700 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairman Smitherman, Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Anderson:

This is an official request for a comprehensive detailed report that will record and make available all information necessary to properly evaluate the financial effects of the submitted proposal for an emergency rule if adopted. All information that is necessary to evaluate the financial effects on the market, and the number of customers who participate in the moratorium should be gathered during this program.

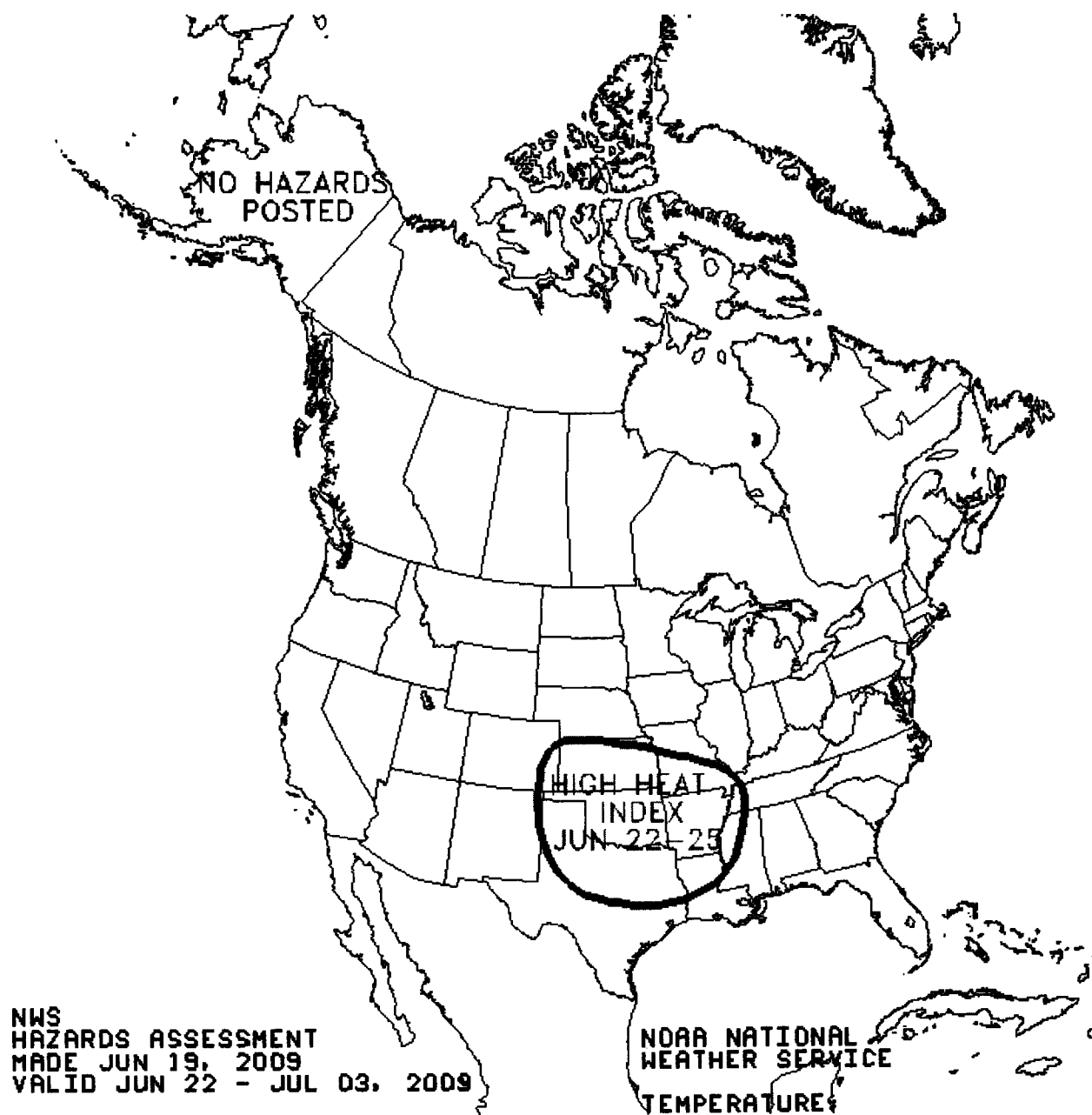
Upon termination of the emergency rule, I would request the PUC to compile the data and put it forth in a report which will allow the Commission and The State Legislature to properly evaluate all the data.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvester Turner".

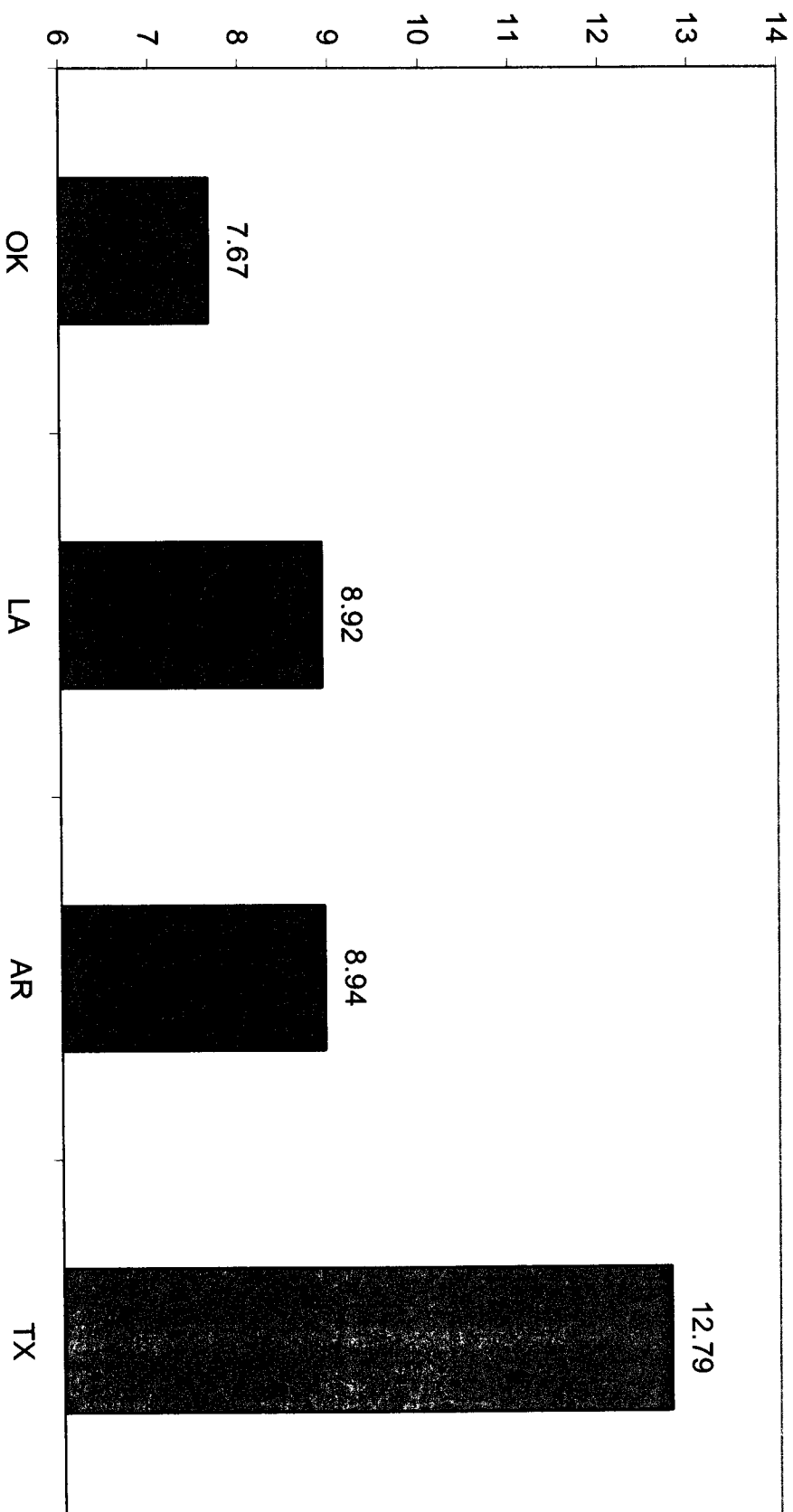
Sylvester Turner
State Representative, District 139

Attachment C - Heat Hazard Assessment Map:



Attachment D - Electricity Rates Graph:

TEXAS RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY RATES ARE 43 TO 66% HIGHER THAN NEIGHBORING STATES (in cents per kilowatt hour)



Source: Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy. *Electric Power Monthly April 2009* (with latest statistics from January 2009). This is same data used by AECT in a recent document, however AECT did not break out residential customers from commercial and industrial customers. The Texas average underestimates rates in deregulated areas because this EIA number includes municipal utilities, cooperatives and still-regulated investor-owned utilities, which are largely lower priced than deregulated areas. LA has a similar percentage of electricity produced from natural gas power plants as Texas. Current high prices in Texas are despite the lowest natural gas prices in six years.

Attachment E - NOAA Special Weather Statements:

weather.gov



NWS All NOAA



Current NWS Alert:

Special Weather Statement

Site Map

News

Organization

Search

Home > Alerts > Texas > Special Weather Statement Issued by NWS Corpus Christi

Local forecast by
"City, St"

City, St [Go]

RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County...

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather...

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models...

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt. .

StormReady /

TsunamiReady

Skywarn™

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications...

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments...



Message: NOAA-NWS-ALERTS-

TX20090618074100CRPSpecialWeatherStatementCRP20090618180000TX from
w-nws.webmaster@noaa.gov

Sent: 12:03 EDT on 06-18-2009

Event: Special Weather Statement

Alert: ...HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES ARE EXPECTED TODAY...

THE COMBINATION OF WARM TEMPERATURES AND HIGH DEWPOINTS WILL PRODUCE HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES TODAY. RESIDENTS WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED ARE URGED TO DRINK PLENTY OF WATERS...WEAR LIGHT WEIGHT AND LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING...AND TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS FROM THE HEAT. YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE DURING WARM OR HOT WEATHER WHEN CAR INTERIORS CAN REACH LETHAL TEMPERATURES IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

Target Webb

Area: Duval

Jim Wells

Forecast
Office: NWS Corpus Christi

US Dept of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
1325 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Page Author: NWS Internet Services Team

Disclaimer

Information Quality Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Credits

Glossary

Privacy Policy

About Us

Career Opportunities

weather.gov


☒ NWS ☐ All NOAA


Current NWS Alert:

Special Weather Statement

[Site Map](#)
[News](#)
[Organization](#)
[Search](#)
[Home](#) > [Alerts](#) > [Texas](#) > [Special Weather Statement Issued by NWS Corpus Christi](#)

 Local forecast by
"City, ST"

 City, ST
☒ RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County...

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather...

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models...

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt...

StormReady /

TsunamiReady

Skywarn™

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications...

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments...


Message: NOAA-NWS-ALERTS-

 TX20090619140700CRPSpecialWeatherStatementCRP20090620000000TX from
w-ews.webmaster@noaa.gov

Sent: 11:11 EDT on 06-19-2009
Event: Special Weather Statement
Alert: ...HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES ARE EXPECTED TODAY...

THE COMBINATION OF WARM TEMPERATURES AND HIGH DEWPOINTS WILL PRODUCE HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES TODAY. RESIDENTS WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED ARE URGED TO DRINK PLENTY OF WATER...WEAR LIGHT WEIGHT AND LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING...AND TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS FROM THE HEAT. YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE DURING WARM OR HOT WEATHER WHEN CAR INTERIORS CAN REACH LETHAL TEMPERATURES IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

Target: La Salle ✓

Area: McMullen ✓

Live Oak ✓

Webb ✓

Duval ✓

Jim Wells ✓

Forecast Office: NWS Corpus Christi

U.S. Dept. of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
1325 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Page Author: NWS Internet Services Team

Disclaimer
Information Quality Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Credits
Glossary
Privacy Policy
About Us
Career Opportunities



Current NWS Alert:

Special Weather Statement

weather.gov


☒ NWS ☐ All NOAA
Local forecast by
City, StCity, St **XML** RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt

StormReady

TsunamiReady

Skywarn

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments



Site Map

News

Organization

Search

Home > Alerts > Texas > Special Weather Statement Issued by NWS Corpus Christi

Message: NOAA-NWS-ALERTS-TX20090619095200CRPSpecialWeatherStatementCRP20090619180000TX from
w-ews.webmaster@noaa.gov**Sent:** 11:11 EDT on 06-19-2009**Event: Special Weather Statement****Alert:** ...HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES ARE EXPECTED TODAY...

THE COMBINATION OF WARM TEMPERATURES AND HIGH DEWPOINTS WILL PRODUCE HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES THIS AFTERNOON. RESIDENTS WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED ARE URGED TO DRINK PLENTY OF WATER...WEAR LIGHT WEIGHT AND LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING...AND TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS FROM THE HEAT. YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE DURING WARM OR HOT WEATHER WHEN CAR INTERIORS CAN REACH LETHAL TEMPERATURES IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

Target: Bee
Area: Goliad
Victoria
Kleberg
Nueces
San Patricio
Refugio

Forecast Office: NWS Corpus Christi

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
1201 East 6th Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
Phone: 361/841-4111
Fax: 361/841-4112

Disclaimer
Information Quality Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Contact Us
Glossary
Career Opportunities



Watches, Warnings or Advisories for Texas

weather.gov


☒ NWS ☐ All NOAA

Site Map

News

Organization

Search

 Local forecast by
"City, St"

Home > Alerts > Texas

City, St
☒ XML RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County...

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather...

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models...

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt...

StormReady /

TsunamiReady

Skywarn™

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications...

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments...



Watches, Warnings or Advisories for Texas

 This page shows alerts *currently* in effect for Texas and is normally updated every two-three minutes. Please see here for other state and listing by county.

Last updated: 17:31 EDT on 06-17-2009

| | |
|--|---|
| Flood Advisory Issued: June 17 at 4:30PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 7:30PM CDT Issued by NWS Amarillo Areas affected: Potter; Randall | Urgency: Expected Status: Actual |
|--|---|

| | |
|---|--|
| Short Term Forecast Issued: June 17 at 2:54PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 5:00PM CDT Issued by NWS Amarillo Areas affected: Dallam; Sherman; Hansford; Ochiltree; Lipscomb; Hartley; Moore; Hutchinson; Roberts; Hemphill; Oldham; Potter; Carson; Gray; Wheeler; Deaf Smith; Randall; Armstrong; Donley; Collingsworth | Urgency: Unknown Status: Actual |
|---|--|

| | |
|---|--|
| Severe Thunderstorm Warning Issued: June 17 at 4:10PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 5:15PM CDT Issued by NWS Amarillo Areas affected: Hansford; Hutchinson; Ochiltree | Urgency: Immediate Status: Actual |
|---|--|

| | |
|--|--|
| Severe Thunderstorm Warning Issued: June 17 at 4:23PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 5:15PM CDT Issued by NWS Amarillo Areas affected: Carson; Hartley; Hutchinson; Moore; Oldham; Potter | Urgency: Immediate Status: Actual |
|--|--|

| | |
|--|---|
| Special Weather Statement Issued: June 17 at 2:28PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 7:00PM CDT Issued by NWS Corpus Christi Areas affected: La Salle; McMullen; Live Oak; Bee; Goliad; Webb; Duval; Jim Wells; Kleberg; Nueces; San Patricio | Urgency: Expected Status: Actual |
|--|---|

| | |
|--|---|
| Special Weather Statement Issued: June 17 at 4:01PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 4:45PM CDT Issued by NWS Lubbock Areas affected: Swisher | Urgency: Expected Status: Actual |
|--|---|

| | |
|--|--|
| Flash Flood Warning Issued: June 17 at 3:41PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 7:45PM CDT Issued by NWS Midland-Odessa Areas affected: Davis, Apache Mountains Area / Marfa Plateau; Pecos; Reeves County, Upper Trans Pecos / Davis, Apache Mountains Area | Urgency: Immediate Status: Actual |
|--|--|

| | |
|---|---|
| Special Weather Statement Issued: June 17 at 4:29PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 5:15PM CDT Issued by NWS Midland-Odessa Areas affected: Reeves County, Upper Trans Pecos; Davis, Apache Mountains Area; Pecos | Urgency: Expected Status: Actual |
|---|---|

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Short Term Forecast | Urgency: Unknown |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Issued: June 17 at 4:11PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 7:00PM CDT Issued by NWS Norman-Oklahoma City Areas affected: Hardeman; Foard; Wilbarger; Wichita; Knox; Baylor; Archer; Clay | Status: Actual |
|---|-----------------------|

| | |
|---|---|
| Severe Thunderstorm Watch Issued: June 17 at 3:51PM CDT Expiring: June 17 at 11:00PM CDT Issued by NWS Storm Prediction Center Areas affected: Armstrong; Carson; Collingsworth; Deaf Smith; Donley; Gray; Hansford; Hemphill; Hutchinson; Lipscomb; Moore; Ochiltree; Oldham; Potter; Randall; Roberts; Wheeler | Urgency: Expected Status: Actual |
|---|---|

| | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| US Dept of Commerce | Disclaimer | Privacy Policy |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | Information Quality | Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) |
| National Weather Service | Credits | About Us |
| 1325 East West Highway | Glossary | Career Opportunities |
| Silver Spring, MD 20910 | | |
| Page Author: NWS Internet Services Team | | |

weather.gov


☒ NWS ☐ All NOAA


Current NWS Alert:

Special Weather Statement

Site Map

News

Organization

Search

Home > Alerts > Texas > Special Weather Statement Issued by NWS Corpus Christi

Local forecast by
"City, St"City, St **KML** RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County...

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather..

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models...

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt...

StormReady /

TsunamiReady

Skywarn™

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications..

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments...

**Message:** NOAA-NWS-ALERTS-TX20090617192800CRPSpecialWeatherStatementCRP20090618000000TX from
w-ows.webmaster@noaa.gov**Sent:** 17:31 EDT on 06-17-2009**Event: Special Weather Statement****Alert:** ...HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES ARE EXPECTED AGAIN...

THE COMBINATION OF VERY WARM TEMPERATURES AND HIGH DEWPOINTS WILL PRODUCE HEAT INDICES BETWEEN 105 AND 109 DEGREES TODAY AND THURSDAY. THE HIGHEST VALUES WILL OCCUR INLAND FROM KINGSVILLE TO ALICE AND WEST TO LAREDO. IN THE GREATER CORPUS CHRISTI AREA THE HEAT INDEX WILL RANGE FROM THE UPPER 90S ON THE IMMEDIATE COAST TO NEAR 105 SEVERAL MILES INLAND. RESIDENTS WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED ARE URGED TO DRINK PLENTY OF WATERS...WEAR LIGHT WEIGHT AND LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING...AND TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS FROM THE HEAT. YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE DURING WARM OR HOT WEATHER WHEN CAR INTERIORS CAN REACH LETHAL TEMPERATURES IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

Target: La Salle**Area:** McMullenLive OakBeeGoliadWebbDuvalJim WellsKlebergNuecesSan Patricio**Forecast Office:** NWS Corpus Christi

US Dept of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
1525 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Page Author: NWS Internet Services Team

Disclaimer
Information Quality
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Credits
About Us
Career Opportunities



Watches, Warnings or Advisories for Texas

weather.gov



● NWS ○ All NOAA

Site Map

News

Organization

Search

Local forecast by
"City, St"

Home > Alerts > Texas

City, St **XML** RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County...

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather...

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models...

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt..

StormReady /

TsunamiReady

Skywarn™

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications...

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments...



Watches, Warnings or Advisories for Texas

This page shows alerts *currently* in effect for Texas and is normally updated every two-three minutes. Please see [here](#) for other state and listing by county.

Last updated: 16:45 EDT on 06-16-2009

Special Weather Statement**Urgency: Expected****Issued:** June 16 at 11:09AM CDT**Status: Actual****Expiring:** June 16 at 5:00PM CDT**Issued by** NWS Corpus Christi**Areas affected:**Webb; Duval; Jim Wells; Kleberg; Nueces**Special Weather Statement****Urgency: Expected****Issued:** June 16 at 3:33PM CDT**Status: Actual****Expiring:** June 17 at 4:00AM CDT**Issued by** NWS Austin-San Antonio

Areas affected:Llano; Burnet; Williamson; Val Verde; Edwards; Real; Kerr; Bandera; Gillespie; Kendall; Blanco; Hays; Travis; Bastrop; Lee; Kinney; Uvalde; Medina; Bexar; Comal; Guadalupe; Caldwell; Fayette; Maverick; Zavala; Frio; Atascosa; Wilson; Karnes; Gonzales; De Witt; Lavaca; Dimmit

Flood Warning**Urgency: Expected****Issued:** June 16 at 8:21AM CDT**Status: Actual****Expiring:** June 17 at 7:00AM CDT**Issued by** NWS Dallas-Fort Worth**Areas affected:**Henderson; Navarro**Special Weather Statement****Urgency: Expected****Issued:** June 16 at 8:05AM CDT**Status: Actual****Expiring:** June 16 at 9:15PM CDT**Issued by** NWS Dallas-Fort Worth

Areas affected:Montague; Cooke; Grayson; Fannin; Lamar; Young; Jack; Wise; Denton; Collin; Hunt; Delta; Hopkins; Stephens; Palo Pinto; Parker; Tarrant; Dallas; Rockwall; Kaufman; Van Zandt; Rains; Eastland; Erath; Hood; Somervell; Johnson; Ellis; Henderson; Comanche; Mills; Hamilton; Bosque; Hill; Navarro; Freestone; Anderson; Lampasas; Coryell; Bell; McLennan; Falls; Limestone; Leon; Milam; Robertson

Short Term Forecast**Urgency: Unknown****Issued:** June 16 at 2:54PM CDT**Status: Actual****Expiring:** June 16 at 5:00PM CDT**Issued by** NWS Norman-Oklahoma City**Areas affected:**Hardeman; Foard; Wilbarger; Wichita; Knox; Baylor; Archer; Clay

US Dept of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
1325 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Page Author: NWS Internet Services Team

Disclaimer
Information Quality Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Credits
Glossary
Privacy Policy
About Us
Career Opportunities

weather.gov



Current NWS Alert:

Special Weather Statement

Site Map

News

Organization

Search

☒ NWS ☐ All NOAA

 Local forecast by
"City, St"
City, St
☒ XML RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County...

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather...

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models...

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt...

StormReady /

TsunamiReady

Skywarn™

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments...


Message: NOAA-NWS-ALERTS-TX20090616130500FWDSpecialWeatherStatementFWD20090617021500TX

from

w-nws.webmaster@noaa.gov

Sent: 12:33 EDT on 06-16-2009

Event: Special Weather Statement
Alert: ...HOT AND HUMID WEATHER TO CONTINUE ACROSS NORTH TEXAS THIS WEEK...

A STRONG UPPER RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE WILL STRENGTHEN OVER NORTH TEXAS THIS WEEK HELPING TO PUSH TEMPERATURES SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE CENTURY MARK...PARTICULARLY OVER THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF NORTH TEXAS. THE RAINFALL FROM LAST WEEK WILL ONLY ADD TO THE HUMIDITY VALUES AND WILL RESULT IN HEAT INDEX VALUES EACH AFTERNOON BETWEEN 100 AND 105 DEGREES.

IF INVOLVED IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES...TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS IN THE SHADE OR AN AIR-CONDITIONED STRUCTURE AND DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. AVOID CARBONATED AND ALCOHOLIC DRINKS. ALSO...NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS IN A VEHICLE... EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME...AS VEHICLES CAN HEAT UP TO LETHAL LEVELS WITHIN MINUTES.

Target Area: Montague ✓

Cooke ✓

Grayson ✓

Fannin ✓

Lamar ✓

Young ✓

Jack ✓

Wise ✓

Denton ✓

Collin ✓

Hunt ✓

Delta ✓

Hopkins ✓

Stephens ✓

Palo Pinto ✓

Parker ✓

Tarrant ✓

Dallas ✓

Rockwall ✓

Kaufman ✓

Van Zandt ✓

Rains ✓

Eastland ✓

Erath ✓

Hood ✓

Somervell ✓

Johnson ✓

Ellis ✓

Henderson ✓

Comanche ✓

Mills ✓

Hamilton ✓

Bosque ✓

Hill ✓

Navarro ✓

Freestone ✓

Anderson ✓

Lampasas ✓

Coryell ✓

Bell ✓

McLennan ✓

Falls ✓

Limestone ✓

Leon ✓

Milam ✓

Robertson ✓

Forecast Office: NWS Dallas-Fort Worth



Current NWS Alert:

Special Weather Statement

weather.gov


☒ NWS ☐ All NOAA

Site Map

News

Organization

Search

Home > Alerts > Texas > Special Weather Statement Issued by NWS Austin-San Antonio

Local forecast by
"City, St"City, St **XML** RSS Feeds

Warnings

Current

By State/County...

UV Alerts

Observations

Radar

Satellite

Snow Cover

Surface Weather...

Observed Precip

Forecasts

Local

Graphical

Aviation

Marine

Hurricanes

Severe Weather

Fire Weather

Text Messages

By State

By Message Type

National

Forecast Models

Numerical Models

Statistical Models...

MOS Prod

GFS-LAMP Prod

Climate

Past Weather

Predictions

Weather Safety

Weather Radio

Hazard Assmt...

StormReady /

TsunamiReady

Skywarn™

Education/Outreach

Information Center

Tsunamis

Publications...

Contact Us

FAQ

Comments...

**Message:** NOAA-NWS-ALERTS-TX20090616203300EWXSpecialWeatherStatementEWX20090617090000TX from
w-nws.webmaster@noaa.gov**Sent:** 16:45 EDT on 06-16-2009**Event: Special Weather Statement****Alert:** ...CONTINUED HOT AFTERNOONS WITH MOIST SOUTHERLY FLOW WILL LEAD TO
ELEVATED HEAT INDEX READINGS BOTH TOMORROW AND THURSDAY...

AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES IN THE UPPER 90S TO ABOVE 100 BOTH
TOMMORROW AND FRIDAY WILL COMBINE WITH GULF MOISTURE INFLOW
TO PRODUCE HEAT INDEX READINGS OF 105 TO 110 DURING THE
AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING HOURS. THE AREAS SOUTH OF U.S.
HIGHWAY 90 WILL EXPERIENCE THE BRUNT OF THE ELEVATED HEAT
INDICIES. THE WORST CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED BETWEEN 2 PM AND 7
PM.

EXTRA CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO LESSEN THE EFFECTS OF THE HIGH HEAT
AND HUMIDITY. TRY TO AVOID OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DURING THE MIDDLE OF
THE DAY. IF YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE WEAR LIGHT WEIGHT AND LIGHT COLORED
CLOTHING...AND DRINK MORE WATER THAN YOU THINK YOU NEED TO STAY
HYDRATED. ALSO CHECK ON THE ELDERLY AND MAKE SURE PETS OF HAVE
SHADE AND PLENTY OF WATER.

Target Llano**Area:** Burnet

Williamson

Val Verde

Edwards

Real

Kerr

Bandera

Gillespie

Kendall

Blanco

Hays

Travis

Bastrop

Lee

Kinney

Uvalde

Medina

Bexar

Comal

Guadalupe

Caldwell

Fayette

Maverick

Zavala

Frio

Atascosa

Wilson

Karnes

Gonzales

De Witt

Lavaca

Dimmit

Forecast
Office: NWS Austin-San Antonio

U.S. Dept of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
1325 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Page Author: NWS Internet Services Team

Disclaimer

Information Quality Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Credits

Glossary

Privacy Policy

About Us

Career Opportunities