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**COMMISSION PROCEEDING TO
ENSURE RESOURCE ADEQUACY
IN TEXAS**

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP
OF LISSA KING MAGEL, TEXAS RESIDENT**

I am concerned that the Public Utility Commission ("Commission") has undervalued the feasibility of solar energy as part of the solution to threatened resource inadequacy in ERCOT. I urge the Commission to give more attention to solar generation as a source of cost-competitive electricity that is available during periods of peak electric demand. Solar generation can reasonably be constructed and deployed more swiftly than other generation resources, and fill in resource gaps during the wait for other generation that requires a greater leadtime to come on-line. Unlike coal, gas, or nuclear, solar requires minimal water – critically important in the face of the current drought. Distributed solar is located at the load, eliminating the cost of transmission lines and transmission losses. In addition, solar would add needed diversity to ERCOT's fuel mix. I hope that the Commission will establish a workshop to address the advantages of encouraging available solar technology for ERCOT generation resources. A workshop will provide a forum for stakeholders and leaders in the solar industry to put forward viable solutions that can gain support from investors and consumers alike for mitigating resource adequacy concerns in ERCOT.

WHEREFORE, Lissa King Magel respectfully prays that the commission set up a workshop under a separate docket involving solar resources.

Respectfully submitted,


