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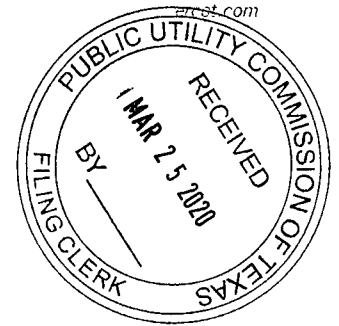


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Public Utility Commission of Texas  
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Re: PUC Project No. 50664, Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Questions and Responses to Potential Impacts of COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) is closely monitoring the filings in PUC Project No. 50664, Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019, to stay abreast of all potential issues that may impact the ERCOT Region. ERCOT is further aware of Chairman Walker's Memorandum filed on March 24, 2020 proposing a COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program (Program). ERCOT has received several questions regarding the potential impacts of the Program. In an effort to provide information to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in consideration of the Program, ERCOT files this letter and provides the following responses to several questions.

(1) How many Residential Customers are included in the customer choice areas of the ERCOT Region open to customer choice?

**Response:** ERCOT calculates Residential Customers by Electric Service Identifiers (ESI IDs). As of February 2020, ERCOT has 6,526,344 ESI IDs for the Residential Customer class in the customer choice areas of the ERCOT Region.

(2) How many Residential Customers are currently on the Low Income List?

**Response:** ERCOT does not have this information.

(3) What is the monthly dollar impact for Residential Customers within the customer choice areas of the ERCOT Region when setting an initial rider of \$0.65 per megawatt hour (MWh)?

**Response:** In short, the monthly dollar impact for a Residential Customer with an average household use of 1,000 kWh in the customer choice areas of the ERCOT Region is \$0.65. Additional details are provided in the table below.

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ERCOT used its most recent Load forecast adjusted for seasonal weather expectations – in short, the same Load forecast that ERCOT uses for its own budget planning purposes. ERCOT assumed a six-month time horizon consistent with the initial term of the proposed PUC Order and Program. This dollar impact is for average household Residential Customer consistent with historical electricity usages. This dollar impact does not account for Commercial or Industrial Customers.

	<b>Load Forecast (MWh)</b>	<b>Non-NOIE Share (MWh)</b>	<b>Rider (\$/MWh)</b>
<b>Month</b>	<b>Total ERCOT</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>\$0.65</b>
April	28,234,420	20,893,471	\$13,580,756
May	32,322,652	23,918,762	\$15,547,195
June	37,492,167	27,744,204	\$18,033,732
July	40,334,683	29,847,665	\$19,400,982
August	41,169,347	30,465,317	\$19,802,456
September	35,907,361	26,571,447	\$17,271,441
Initial 6 Month Total	215,460,630	159,440,866	\$103,636,563
<b>Average Household Use</b>	<b>Monthly MWh</b>	<b>Rider Rate</b>	<b>Monthly Bill Impact</b>
1,000 kWh	1.00	\$0.65	\$0.65
1,200 kWh	1.20	\$0.65	\$0.78
1,500 kWh	1.50	\$0.65	\$0.98
2,000 kWh	2.00	\$0.65	\$1.30

(4) With respect to the \$15 Million ERCOT initial contribution, what is the impact to ERCOT's ongoing operations and how will it recover the contribution?

**Response:** ERCOT has sufficient funds from its operating accounts to provide the initial contribution up to a total of \$15 million to create the Transmission Distribution Utilities' (TDU) initial fund balance. ERCOT does not expect any impacts to its ongoing operations.

ERCOT would recommend that the Commission authorize this contribution as an allowable expense under PUC Substantive Rule 25.363(c). For reporting purposes, ERCOT will process the contribution as an interest free receivable in its books until fully repaid by each TDU. ERCOT would expect each TDU to enter into an interest free loan agreement which will describe the payment terms and conditions and be consistent with the Program. ERCOT would recommend that each loan agreement be filed with the Commission. Amounts to be repaid to ERCOT will be collected through the TDU riders and repaid prior to the end of the Program.

ERCOT stands ready to address any questions the Commission may have regarding this information.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Chad V. Seely* \_\_\_\_\_  
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