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**COMMENTS REGARDING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2021 COMMISSION ORDER**

HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. files these comments in support of the Comments Regarding February 15, 2021 Order filed by Brazos Electric Cooperative, Inc. on March 9, 2021 and the Joint Comments Regarding February 15, 2021 Order filed on March 9, 2021 by Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc., Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the City of San Marcos, Texas.

HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“HILCO Electric”) is a distribution cooperative member of Brazos Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Brazos Electric”). For the reasons outlined by Brazos Electric in its March 9, 2021 Comments, HILCO Electric respectfully requests that the Commission enforce, or in the alternative clarify, its February 15 Order<sup>1</sup> to ensure that immediately after customer firm load shed ended at 23:55 on February 17, 2021, energy market clearing prices are returned to normal without any administrative price adders. Because HILCO Electric placed the immediate humanitarian needs of its members above financial interests and restored power as quickly as possible after the load-shed directive lifted, its members now face significant financial harm.

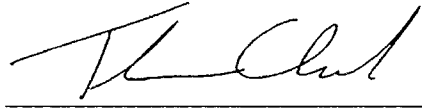
For these reasons, the recommendation of the Independent Market Monitor should be followed, and the artificial \$9,000 price for energy should be reduced after ERCOT rescinded its order to shed load.

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<sup>1</sup> Project No. 51617, *Oversight of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas*, Order Directing ERCOT to Take Action and Granting Exception to Commission Rules (Feb. 15, 2021) (herein, “February 15 Order”) (refiled in Project No. 51812). The February 15, 2021 Order was replaced by an Order on February 16, 2021, but the February 16 Order did not change the section of the February 15 Order addressed here.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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