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Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701
Attn: Chairman Arthur C. D'Andrea

Re. PUCT Docket Nos. 51617 and 51812

Letter in Support of TEAM's Emergency Request

Dear Chairman D'Andrea,

I am writing on behalf of Reynolds Consumer Products, with regard to our Presto facility in Carrollton, Texas. We have over 200 employees and approximately 50 contractors who are essential workers at our Carrollton plant, making food bags, wraps and disposable containers that are use-at-home staples during this pandemic. We support the February 19, 2021 request to the Public Utility Commission of Texas by the Texas Energy Association for Marketers ("TEAM") to direct ERCOT to remove the administrative price adders which set prices to \$9,000/MWh effective from the time ERCOT withdrew the firm load shed instruction at 1:05 am on Thursday, February 18.

Deemed an Essential Critical Infrastructure business, our Carrollton facility has remained open during the pandemic and focused on delivering needed consumer products. The lack of reasonably priced electricity supply during the winter storm in February required us to curtail our operations Feb 13-14 and to shut down our operations Feb 15-18 - an unprecedented circumstance in the history of our company given that we normally operate 24/7.

We made every effort to reduce unnecessary power usage and limited our onsite workforce to necessary facilities personnel during the shutdown. Despite such efforts, administrative price adders have created a huge burden on our business. ERCOT's actions in keeping prices at the cap even when there was enough capacity on the system ultimately made a bad situation even worse.

We ask the Commission to reconsider its decision to impose \$9,000/MWh prices generally, and at a minimum, grant the TEAM's request and direct ERCOT to remove the administrative price adders when ERCOT was no longer requiring firm load shed. The \$9,000/MWh pricing rate reflects costs 600 times what we normally have in the same time period. Removing the adders from the 32 hours impacted by the TEAM request would justly provide some relief.

The Commission should act promptly to remedy the harm that will otherwise be caused to our company and other employers impacted by the storm.

Respectfully,

David Watson
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary