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Hello, my name is Robert Henry.

First of all I would like to thank the Commisioners for having an Open meeting to discuss the power outage. I would also like to thank anyone who came here just because they are concerned.

So here it is. My Theory is that we didn't need to have this power outage at all. Because ERCOT (Electrical Reliability Council of Texas) knew ahead of time and were watching as the temperature dropped and electricity usage increased.

Now we have all heard of Amber Alerts. Using the Amber Alert system, all it takes is one police officer to input a message about a missing child and the message is sent to cell phones all over Texas.

The first time I realized the potential of Amber Alerts was when I'd gone to a local Comedy Show. An Amber Alert went off and I think 60% of the phones had the Amber Alert on.

In the Power Outage case, the message could be, anything. "Attention!!! This is an Electricity Usage Emergency! A statewide power outage is possible. Please turn your thermostats down to 50 degrees. And don't wash clothes, long hot showers etc.... Businesses, please close early, Everyone, please call friends and family."

Remember, we only needed a 10% cut in usage. This approach would have exceeded the need.

You know those radio messages? "This is a test. This is just a test?" That system could have been used also.

The point is, that I have talked to over 100 people. Everyone of them said they would have dropped their electricity usage.

Understand, I don't want to blame anyone. But people have died and billions of dollars have been wasted. There has been a lack of planning and a lack of foresight.

So I ask you, next time, when we can see that there will be another Electricity Usage Crisis, why don't we ask people and businesses and government agencies to cut down their electricity usage?

Best wishes to all of you. Thank you.

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As a note: I contacted the Govener's office, the Mayor's office, KVUE, KXAN, The Statesman and The Chronicle. No return voicemail and no text. No response.

I contacted both Amber Alerts and ERCOT to check if this idea would work.

