



Control Number: 51812



Item Number: 29

Addendum StartPage: 0



RECEIVED
2021 MAR -1 AM 10:08
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILING CLERK

February 26, 2021

Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Attn: Chairman DeAnn Walker
Commissioner Arthur D'Andrea
Commissioner Shelly Botkin

Re. PUCT Docket Nos. 51617 and 51812

Letter in Support of TEAM's Emergency Request

Dear Commissioners,

Bell Textron Inc., a manufacturer of vertical lift aircraft and employer of 6,000 Texans, supports 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, Bell has remained open during the pandemic and focused on delivering and servicing products for the US Department of Defense, first responders and global operators. The devastating winter storm in February required us to shut down our main operations for four days – an unprecedented circumstance in the history of our company.

Bell made every effort to reduce unnecessary power usage and limited its onsite workforce to security and 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.

Bell asks 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 300 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 Bell and other employers impacted by the storm

Respectfully,

Robert T. Hastings
Executive Vice President, Communications and Government Affairs
Bell Textron, Inc.

Post Office Box 482
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

© 2021 Bell Textron Inc

29