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ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION OF NEW 16 TAC § 25.57 AS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 16, 2021 OPEN MEETING

Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or the "Company") appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments on the Proposal for Publication of new 16 TAC § 25.57 as approved at the December 16, 2021 open meeting regarding the Public Utility Commission of Texas's ("Commission") development of a power outage alert system to be activated when the power supply in this state may be inadequate to meet demand. Pursuant to the recommendation from Commission Staff in the Proposal for Publication, ETI has included a bulleted executive summary at the end of this filing.

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