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**PROJECT NO. 52287**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON POWER OUTAGE ALERT CRITERIA**

Senate Bill 3, enacted by the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, directs the Commission to participate in a multi-agency effort to develop a power outage alert system to be activated when the power supply in this state may be inadequate to meet demand. This legislation directs the Commission to adopt criteria for the content, activation, and termination of the alert system. In response, Commission Staff opened Project No. 52287, *Power Outage Alert Criteria* and requests comments on the following questions:

1. Government Code § 411.301(a) states the alert should “be activated when the power supply in this state may be inadequate to meet demand.” Should the Public Utility Commission of Texas interpret this to mean that an alert will be activated when there is inadequate *system-wide* power supply to meet system-wide load demand? Should the commission also interpret this to mean that an alert will be activated when there are regional constraints that only restrict power supply to certain regions?
2. Government Code § 411.301(b) states, “The criteria must provide for an alert to be regional or statewide.” How should the different regions be defined?
3. Government Code § 411.301(b) states, “The Public Utility Commission of Texas by rule shall adopt criteria for the content, activation, and termination of the alert...” At what threshold should the commission choose for the alert to be activated? Terminated? What content would be the most helpful for inclusion in the alert?

This power outage alert system could represent a critical component of the state’s ability to respond to future power emergencies. Accordingly, Commission Staff also welcomes other insights and contributions on how to design this system. **Commission Staff requests that parties provide their comments in a well-organized manner with a bulleted executive summary for lengthier filings. Comments must be filed with the Commission by August 13, 2021.**

Comments may be filed through the interchange on the Commission’s website. All comments should refer to Project Number 52287.

Questions concerning Project No. 52287 should be directed to Chuck Bondurant, Critical Infrastructure Security & Risk Management Division, at (512) 936-7448. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with test telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

**ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2021**  
**THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
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