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Commissioner



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## **Public Utility Commission of Texas**

### **Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group**

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**September 28, 2023**

#### **Workshop Minutes**

Meeting started at 2:00.

Commissioner Glotfelty went through the slide deck, pausing for (and encouraging) questions and comments after each one.

Commenters included:

- Cyrus Reed, Sierra Club – biggest impediments are usually cost, water, waste, community opposition. For financial incentive/ERCOT market changes, look to what was successful for renewables – a credit program that has true credits (RECs to DECs).
- Derek Haas, UT – the new reactor technologies can actually produce new clean water. On financing, if the state could coalesce to get reactor #1 (most expensive by far)
- Andrew Vanchau, Ft. Bend County – the workforce and supply chains will also benefit related industries like medicine and hydrogen hubs.
- Clayton Scott, Nuscale – building the supply chain would not only support the Texas SMR effort but have impact to SMR industry globally.
- Sean McDeavitt, Texas A&M – given the need for new power (just even for mega data centers) higher ed will need to work together, not play their usual rugby match.
- Ben Reinke, X-energy – big questions will be if off-takers/customers are willing to take ownership; development companies could be the bridge.
- Glotfelty comments, in addition to the slides: not going to deal with fuel or waste because mostly federal; agree and emphasize need to engage with communities on front end. Showed the map (almost final) about where and what type of all levels of universities have programs supporting nuclear development – all over the state. All meetings would be in Austin (maybe in the State Board of Education room or a RRC room). Hope to announce the working group members as soon as next week.

Approximately 60 people attended, with almost 100 joining the live stream.

Meeting ended at 3:01.

The meeting can be watched at the following link:

[https://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/puct/public\\_meeting/202309282/](https://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/puct/public_meeting/202309282/)

