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**MEETING MINUTES
TEXAS ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR WORKING GROUP
PUC PROJECT #55421**

WHEN: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 3:00 pm CDT

WHERE: ERCOT Headquarters (and Teams option)
8000 Metropolis Dr., Building E, Austin, TX 78744
Meeting Room A

Meeting convened at 3:03pm. Approximately eighty-five people participated.

Agenda

1. *Introduction/welcome remarks (Jimmy Glotfelty)*
 - a. Recent events update: two SXSW events on nuclear, UT Energy Week
 - b. Upcoming event reminder: US Nuclear Industry Council conference in Houston April 16-17, with an added tour of the Wyman Gordon facility on the 18th. Will be very well attended.
 - c. Pleased to welcome Tighe Smith with Paragon Energy as the new Chair of the Development and Manufacturing Subcommittee, with Stephanie Matthews continuing as Co-Chair.
 - d. UT Bureau of Business Research will be providing an update on economic impacts in the coming weeks.
2. *Update on Subcommittees*
 - a. Market Demand and End Users
 - i. Met earlier today, 4/3.



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- ii. Vetted the PPA uptake process recommendation.
 - iii. Roundtable update from each of the other eight subgroups.
 - iv. Next meeting scheduled for 4/24.
- b. Federal and State Regulatory
 - i. Commissioner Glotfelty spoke recently to the Texas Commanders' Council of all the Base Commanders about their interest in nuclear. Also, that Mike 'Apollo' Lovell of Joint Base San Antonio will be joining the subgroup on military on potential partnerships as Chair.
 - ii. ERCOT provided an update to increase SMR investment with minimal market disruptions.
 - 1. Leaning towards the idea of an energy credit – next steps discussing the details including definition, size, retirements, time resolution, etc.
 - 2. Additional idea added, interconnection allowance – an exemption to paying ERCOT interconnection fees
- c. Higher Education and R&D
 - i. Have met multiple times and will continue to meet every other Monday afternoon. Have several issue groups meeting and should have some recommendations by April 15th meeting.
- d. Development and Manufacturing
 - i. They are swiftly finalizing a list of topics for study and plan their first meeting at 11:00 on Friday (April 5th).
- 3. *Public Comment/ Q&A*
 - a. Would like to have someone from the Microsoft, Google, Nucor discuss their Advanced Clean Energy initiative, Advancedcleanelectricity.com, RFI due April 12.
 - b. Discussion about recycling and reprocessing spent fuel and consolidating all the spent fuel around the country into specific locations and facilities
- 4. *Next steps*
 - a. Working groups will continue to meet and compile recommendations for consideration of entire working group.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.