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Texas Backup Power Package Advisory Committee Minutes

Project # 56176

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Organizational meeting convened at 1:10pm.

Open remarks from PUC Chairman Thomas Gleeson.

Committee Members Present:

- Senator Mayes Middleton
- Senator Nathan Johnson
- Michael Hull, TDEM Representative
- Matthew Boms, Texas Advanced Energy Business Alliance
- Alison Silverstein, Alison Silverstein Consulting
- Kevin Knippa, HHSC
- Ivan Velasquez, Oncor

Staff on behalf of Representative Ana Hernandez and Representative Jay Dean were present.

Agenda:

1. Designation of Presiding Officer
 - a. The Committee designated Senator Nathan Johnson as Presiding Officer.
2. Development of Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule
 - a. The Committee agreed to a follow up phone conversation in two weeks and an in-person meeting in Austin in approximately four weeks.
 - b. Senator Johnson will circulate a list of facilities for initial consideration.
3. Other Business
 - a. Alison Silverstein asked for insight from PUC Staff and Deloitte on the timing for the research entity RFP.

- PUC staff advised there is no timeline for the RFP, yet. Deloitte will be conferring with the committee on how to formulate the document.
- b. Senator Johnson outlined the goals of the advisory committee to recommend the types of projects and procedures for awarding, both loans and grants. Alison Silverstein added that the grants and loans are not an either/or situation.
- c. Ivan Velasquez said that it's important to identify the critical facilities and consider the interconnection process.
- d. Senator Middleton recommended using existing mapping of facilities and working backwards from there, focusing on facilities that promote health and safety, both private and public.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27pm.