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Memorandum

то:	Interested Parties
FROM:	Julie Blocker, Rules and Projects
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RE:	Project Background & Scope Project No. 56510 – <i>Heat Pump Working Group</i>

On April 4, 2023, Commission Staff filed a memo in the Energy Efficiency Implementation Project requesting stakeholder suggestions for updates to the Texas Technical Reference Manual (TRM) for program year (PY) 2024.¹ In response, stakeholders requested that the TRM Working Group assess additional savings for all-weather, or variable speed, heat pumps.

Accordingly, the PY2024 Heat Pump Technology Working Group (HPWG) was formed. The HPWG aims to identify the differences in energy savings between air-cooled single-speed and dual-speed heat pumps as compared to air-cooled variable-speed heat pumps installed in Texas by:

- collecting current data,
- defining research needs to determine the long-term savings calculation approach, and
- engaging stakeholders to discuss opportunities for technical adjustments to the existing TRM measures to account for variations in PY2025.

Project No. 56510 is intended to track and store materials related to the HPWG, such as meeting minutes, agendas, or other relevant materials.

To date, the HPWG has met twice, on April 9, 2024, and April 23, 2024, with the next meeting scheduled for May 7, 2023. Participation in the HPWG is limited to manufacturers, installers, utilities, researchers, and demand-side management program implementors, administrators, and program evaluators.

All HPWG meetings will be recorded with the recordings available for public viewing at the following link: <u>https://vimeo.com/channels/HPWG</u>.

¹ Project No. 38578, Item No. 88, Request for Comments (April 4, 2023).