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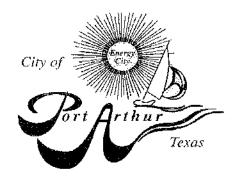
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Public Utility Commission of Texas P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

Dear Honorable Members of the Commission:

Greetings! As the City Manager of Port Arthur, I am writing to express my full support for Entergy Texas' proposed Dispatchable Reliability Solution, which includes the new Legend Power Station and the Lone Star Power Station. This initiative is essential to securing the reliable and resilient energy infrastructure needed to sustain our community's economic growth and development.

Provision of resilient, reliable, and sustainable energy for our citizens is key to ensuring the highest quality of life for Port Arthur residents. Entergy Texas has been a longstanding partner in meeting the energy needs of Southeast Texas. The addition of the Legend and Lone Star Power Stations will provide vital dispatchable resources that are essential to meeting increasing demand while ensuring grid stability. As our city grows, particularly in the energy sector, having a dependable power supply is critical to maintaining Port Arthur's momentum and meeting future needs.

The focus on advanced, efficient technology in these power stations demonstrates a commitment to environmental responsibility. By minimizing emissions and optimizing energy production, Entergy is helping us grow sustainably—an essential goal for our community and one that supports our shared values in balancing industrial growth with environmental care.

This project also brings significant economic benefits to Port Arthur. The construction and long-term operation of the Legend and Lone Star facilities are expected to provide high-quality jobs to our community, fueling local economic activity and providing important career opportunities for our residents. These stations will play a key role in building economic resilience in our area.

As Port Arthur's City Manager, it is critical I focus not only on the needs of the present, but also on the needs, and the paths, for the future. I respectfully encourage the Commission to approve Entergy Texas' proposal, including the new power stations. It is my strong belief that this initiative represents a responsible, forward-thinking investment in the energy future of Port Arthur, Southeast Texas, and our entire state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Ron Burton, CPM City Manager