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**MEETING DATE:** August 29, 2024

**DATE DELIVERED:** August 28, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 10


**CAPTION:** Docket No. 56735: SOAH Docket No. 473-24-20657 – Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Approval of a System Resiliency Plan

**DESCRIPTION:** Commissioner Lori Cobos Memorandum

# *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

## **Commissioner Memorandum**

**TO:** Chairman Thomas J. Gleeson  
Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty  
Commissioner Kathleen Jackson  
Commissioner Courtney K. Hjaltman

**FROM:** Commissioner Lori Cobos 

**DATE:** August 28, 2024

**RE:** August 29, 2024 Open Meeting – Agenda Item No. 10  
Docket No. 56735, SOAH Docket No. 473-24-20657, *Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Approval of a System Resiliency Plan*

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Hurricane Beryl, a Category 1 hurricane, made landfall on our state's Gulf Coast Region on July 8, 2024 and led to widespread extended power outages for millions of Texans. In considering resiliency plans for electric utilities with service territories in the Gulf Coast Region, it is important that the Commission evaluate whether the resiliency plans incorporate lessons learned from recent hurricanes, like Hurricane Beryl, to help ensure that the electric utilities' proposed resiliency measures effectively address hurricanes.

Therefore, I recommend that the Commission supplement its Preliminary Order<sup>1</sup> in this proceeding to include additional hurricane-specific issues for the parties to address in the docket and to help the Commission evaluate Entergy Texas, Inc.'s (ETI) resiliency plan. Specifically, I recommend supplementing the Preliminary Order with the following issues:

- XX. What specific measures are included in ETI's resiliency plan that address lessons learned from recent hurricanes? Please address whether these specific measures include more resilient distribution lines and poles, increased vegetation management, and hardening of transmission lines and facilities to help mitigate hurricane impacts.
- XX. Does ETI's resiliency plan include specific measures to increase the wind rating of distribution lines and poles?
- XX. Does ETI's resiliency plan include specific measures for vegetation management that will help mitigate hurricane impacts?
- XX. Does ETI's resiliency plan include specific measures to increase the wind rating of transmission lines and facilities?

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<sup>1</sup> See Tex. Gov't Code § 2003.049(e) (stating that the Commission may identify and provide to the administrative law judge at any time additional issues or areas that must be addressed in a proceeding.).

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to discussing this important matter with you at tomorrow's open meeting.