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CAPTION: Project No. 56966 – Goal for Reducing Average
Total Residential Load in the ERCOT Region

DESCRIPTION: Commissioner Courtney Hjaltman
Memorandum

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Commissioner Memorandum

TO: Chairman Thomas J. Gleeson
Commissioner Lori Cobos
Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty
Commissioner Kathleen Jackson

FROM: Commissioner Courtney K. Hjaltman ^{CKH}

DATE: August 28, 2024

RE: August 29, 2024 Open Meeting – Agenda Item No. 20
Project No. 56966 – *Goal for Reducing Average Total Residential Load in the ERCOT Region.*

I want to recognize Commission Staff for their work on the proposal for publication (“PFP”) in Project No. 56966 – Goal for Reducing Average Total Residential Load in the ERCOT Region. This is a significant step towards implementing Senate Bill 1699 and encouraging retail electric providers (“REPs”) to establish or build on successful demand response programs. By setting a goal to reduce the average total residential load, I believe the Commission is sending a clear signal that we support and will fully explore the tools available to us to make informed and purposeful policy decisions.

To that end, I would like to ask Commission Staff to include in the PFP language that allows the Commission to request from REPs or ERCOT any additional information that may assist our oversight of the average total residential demand reduction goal. As we learn more about demand response programs, we may need to request additional or different types of information to fully understand the impact of demand response programs on residential load. I believe we should also stay open to changing how we ask for and use that information as we learn more. Ultimately, I want to ensure we are asking the right questions to make purposeful and informed decisions in the most effective way to support the goals established by Senate Bill 1699, and I think this rule is a good first step.

I look forward to discussing these considerations with you at the Open Meeting on August 29, 2024.