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Memorandum

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Kristal Smith

DATE: March 6, 2025

RE: Project No. 57236 – March 20, 2025, Texas Backup Power Package Program Public Workshop Agenda

Commission Staff will host an in-person workshop **March 20th at 1:30 P.M. Central Time** to solicit input on the Texas Backup Power Package Program Research Entity Final Report authored by Patrick Engineering, Inc., a RINA Company. The workshop will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 1701 N. Congress Ave. Austin, Texas 78701 (7th Floor). Commission Staff seeks input related to the questions listed following the agenda below.

Patrick Engineering's Final Report can be accessed by copying and pasting the following URL into your web browser. *Please note*: This Final Report differs from the Texas Backup Power Packages Initial Report.

https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/search/documents/?controlNumber=57236&itemNumber=11

Interested persons are invited to attend and provide live public comment for each question listed below. Written comments can be filed electronically through the interchange on the PUCT's website or by submitting a paper copy to Central Records, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326.

Written comments are due **April 3, 2025**. Comments should be clearly labeled with the submitting entity's name and are limited to the topics listed below. Each set of comments should include a standalone executive summary as the last page of the filing. This executive summary must be clearly labeled with the submitting entity's name and should include a succinct bulleted list of the recommendations or arguments made in the comments. Comments should be organized by question, and each comment should address at least one of the requested questions. All comments should refer to **Project No. 57236.**

Comments provided during the workshop and submitted to the PUCT Interchange may inform rulemaking for the Texas Backup Power Package (TBPP) program.

Agenda

- Welcome & Workshop Overview
- Instructions for Providing Public Comment
- Questions for Comment (*see below*)
- Closing

Questions for Comment

1. **Cost Offsets**
   A. How can the specifications be refined to prioritize cost savings, effectiveness, and affordability for TBPPs without compromising backup power and resilience goals?
   B. How can the features of a TBPP provide added value for a critical facility compared to purchasing and installing a generator set? How can this value be quantified relative to the cost of additional TBPP features?
   C. How can contracts for alternative ownership models and financing mechanisms be structured to comply with statutory requirements? If these models and mechanisms are considered, what metrics could effectively measure value, performance, and compliance for the TBPP program?
2. **Flexibility and Applicability of Technical Specifications**
   A. How can specifications include performance-based factors for design, installation, or operation without overly burdening a critical facility in installing or maintaining a TBPP?
   B. Should the specifications vary based on the size, type of critical facility, or other criteria? If so, how and for what reasons? How can the specifications be refined to encourage participation from or integration with existing backup facilities?
   C. Considering that access to natural gas or propane may be limited in different geographic areas of the state, how, if at all, can specifications be expanded to include alternative technologies and fuels?
3. **Supply Chain & Deployment**
   A. Considering vendors that may utilize alternative fuel sources or other components that can meet the performance criteria, how could the Commission consider adapting the specifications to increase the number of vendors eligible to participate in the program and support other business models?
   B. How might other business models enable TBPP deployment by reducing the potential limitations or constraints that a critical facility may face when installing or maintaining a TBPP? What would the implications be if a critical facility exits the program?

C. How can vendors, including those with alternative business models, address supply chain disruptions to ensure timely deployment and adequate preparedness for emergencies?