

March 4, 2021

Members of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives
Texas Capitol
1200 Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Generator Outages During February 2021 Cold Weather Event

Dear Members:

ERCOT has been asked by several members of the Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives to identify those generators that experienced an outage or a reduction in available power during the ERCOT grid emergency that occurred on February 14-19, 2021. I am providing you the attached information in response to these requests.

The attached list identifies each outage or derate of an ERCOT-registered Generation Resource or Energy Storage Resource that began at any point during the period of February 14-19, 2021. This information is based solely on details entered by the generator owners—called “Resource Entities”—into the ERCOT Outage Scheduler on or before 12:00 p.m. on February 20, 2021. Resource Entities are required to enter all outages that are two hours or longer into the Outage Scheduler. The data fields provided in the attached list include Resource Entity name, station and unit name, outage/derate start and end time, seasonal maximum megawatts (MW), available MW after the outage/derate began, MW reduction due to outage/derate, generator fuel type, and county. Because the purpose of the list is to show which units experienced an outage that started during the period most impacted by the cold-weather emergency, this list does not include units totaling approximately 28,400 MW¹ that were already outaged or derated as of February 14, 2021, some of which returned to service during the event.

Please note that the attached information is only one set of preliminary data about generator outages. This data was provided by Resource Entities to ERCOT during the relevant operating days and may not accurately reflect the operating state of each generator. ERCOT has issued requests for information (RFI) to develop a more comprehensive list of all Resource trips and derates and the reasons for each and has just begun to review this information.

The outage information in the attached list is ordinarily confidential for 60 days after each applicable operating day. However, in anticipation of requests for this information from the Legislature and the Public Utility Commission of Texas, ERCOT issued a [notice](#) to its market participants on February 22, 2021, requesting that each Resource Entity authorize ERCOT to

¹ The majority of these previously outaged units had experienced a forced outage within the preceding week, including approximately 15,000 MW of wind resources. Many of these wind resources had been impacted by a cold-weather event in the preceding week.

publicly disclose its generator outage information notwithstanding the 60-day confidentiality rule so as to facilitate any necessary public discussion of these outages by the Legislature or other government authorities. Under ERCOT rules, ERCOT may lawfully disclose a market participant's confidential information upon obtaining the written consent of the affected market participant. ERCOT issued a second [notice](#) on March 1, 2021, providing Resource Entities a final opportunity to authorize disclosure of their outage data.

ERCOT has obtained written consent from the vast majority of Resource Entities to disclose their outage data. However, some Resource Entities did not consent to the disclosure. For those Resource Entities, the attached outage data includes only the start time and end time of the outage and does not include any information that could be used to identify the Resource Entity or the affected Resource. ERCOT's market notices indicated that ERCOT would identify those Resource Entities that did not provide consent to disclose if ERCOT were asked to provide the outage information to any government authority. The list of those non-consenting Resource Entities is attached to this letter following the below list of outages. Please note that the fact that a Resource Entity did not authorize public disclosure of its outage data does not necessarily mean that any of the Resource Entity's generators experienced an outage or derate during the event.

As always, ERCOT stands ready to provide any additional information that you may request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or need any additional information.

Respectfully,

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