

External Relations Update – Government Relations

The 81st regular legislative session has ended.

There is talk that a special session will be called to take up agencies who were in a Sunset ‘safety net’ bill that failed to pass before the Legislature adjourned. While we are not the object of these discussions, please note that the special Sunset review of ERCOT was in the bill in question. If the bill is revived during a special session, the ERCOT provision may be revived.

All legislation addressing the makeup of the ERCOT Board of Directors failed to pass.

The Governor has until June 16 to veto any bill.

What passed:

- **HB 1783 by Solomons** – requires the free public broadcast of all public meetings at the PUC and ERCOT (sent to the Governor)
- **HB 3309 by Gattis** – consolidates certain CREZ CCN proceedings, requires Entergy to file a competitive generation tariff in light of the legislation that will keep them out of competition, allows the PUC to order an emergency block load transfer, requires utilities deploying advanced meters to seek and obtain federal money for that purpose, allows the PUC to grant a certificate to a provider not certificated as an electric utility (on its way to the Governor)
- **SB 1492 by Williams** – effectively ends the Entergy Transition to Competition case at the PUC (on its way to the Governor)