

The Sunset Review of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas

The mission and performance of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas are currently being reviewed by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Act provides that the Sunset Commission, composed of legislators and public members, periodically evaluate a state agency to determine if the agency is still needed, and what improvements are needed to ensure that state funds are well spent. Based on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, the Texas Legislature ultimately decides whether an agency continues to operate into the future.

The Sunset review involves three steps. First, Sunset Commission staff will evaluate the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and, in April 2010, will issue a report recommending solutions to problems found. The Sunset Commission will then meet to hear public testimony on the agency and the recommendations of the Sunset staff. This meeting will likely be scheduled for May 2010. Please refer to the Sunset Commission's website or call the Sunset office for updated meeting schedule information. Based on public input and the Sunset staff report, the Sunset Commission will adopt recommendations for the full Legislature to consider when it convenes in January 2011.

Through the Sunset review, every Texan has the opportunity to suggest ways in which the mission and operations of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas can be strengthened. If you would like to share your ideas about the agency, you may send an email to the address below, use the comment form on the Sunset Commission's website, or contact Karl Spock of the Sunset staff. Suggestions are preferred by January 15, 2010, so they can be fully considered by the Sunset staff.

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