

External Relations Update

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Upcoming Interim Legislative Hearings

- The Senate Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on August 18 at which ERCOT has been asked to testify on generation adequacy and transmission and generation planning.
- Chairman Fraser's committee (Senate Natural Resources) is responsible for the following interim charges going forward: a review of the implementation of the EPA's rules on carbon dioxide and potential federal legislation on greenhouse gases; studying whether TCEQ should identify and evaluate cumulative effects of pollutants on public health and the environment; monitoring implementation of air quality legislation.
- Chairman Carona's committee (Senate Business & Commerce) is responsible for the following interim charges going forward: studying options for reducing demand for electricity; studying the development and implementation of wind energy; studying Municipally-Owned Utilities' (MOUs) planned generation portfolios.

Possible Media Releases/Issues

August

- Summer peak demand records
- Nodal milestones/testing updates

September

- Nodal milestones/testing updates (168-hour tests)
- Loss-of-load probability study update
- Budget process