

# **External Affairs Update**

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## **Upcoming Interim Legislative Hearings**

- The Senate Business & Commerce Committee (Chairman John Carona) will hold a hearing on October 25 regarding the following issue:

### **Electric Competition**

Panel 1, Regulatory: Barry Smitherman, Chair, Public Utility Commission; Trip Doggett, President/CEO, Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Panel 2, Consumers: Mayor Tom Leppert, City of Dallas; Jake Dyer (CAPP) and Chris Brewster (Lloyd Gosselink); Bee Moorhead, Texas Impact; Phillip Oldham/Luke Bellsnyder, Texas Association of Manufacturers

Panel 3, Industry: John Fainter, AECT; Vicki Oswalt, TXU Energy; Mary Zlotnik, Star Texas Power

Public Testimony on Issue 2

## **Possible Media Releases/Issues**

### **October**

- Nodal full systems readiness vote

### **November**

- 2011 budget
- Nodal “soft-launch” mid-November
- Nodal system cut-over and go-live Nov. 30-Dec. 1
- Announcement of annual meeting speaker
- Texas Renewable Integration Plan

### **December**

- Nodal progress reports
- System Constraints and Needs (annual transmission report)
- Capacity, Demand and Reserves Report – winter update
- Long-term System Planning Assessment