



External Affairs Update

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Government Relations

- PUC/OPC/ERCOT Sunset bills are filed in the Senate and House – SB 661 by Nichols and HB 2134 by Solomons respectively.
- House State Affairs Committee held a hearing on the House Sunset bill, HB 2134, on March 14, 2011.
- The last day to file new bills was March 11. ERCOT is tracking 12 Priority 1 bills, 40 Priority 2 bills and 112 Priority 3 bills.
- Other major legislation includes:
 - **SB 1133 by Hegar** – Relating to weatherization and preparedness reports by the Public Utility Commission.
 - **HB 593 by Pitts** – Relating to the powers and duties of the state auditor's office.
 - **HB 1986 by Turner** – Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the Electric Reliability Council of Texas has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

Media Relations

March/April – Possible Media Issues

- Legislative issues related to ERCOT and Sunset Review
- ERCOT Study of EPA's Regulations
 - PUC-requested study of the potential impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's rules on generation facilities in ERCOT and potential effects on reliability, generation adequacy, and prices in ERCOT
- Long-Term Study Update (DOE grant)

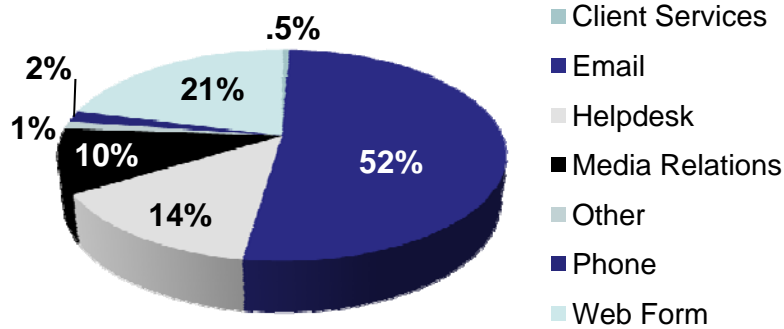
May – Possible Media Issues

- Summer assessment (Capacity, Demand and Reserves report)
- Renewable Energy Credits annual report

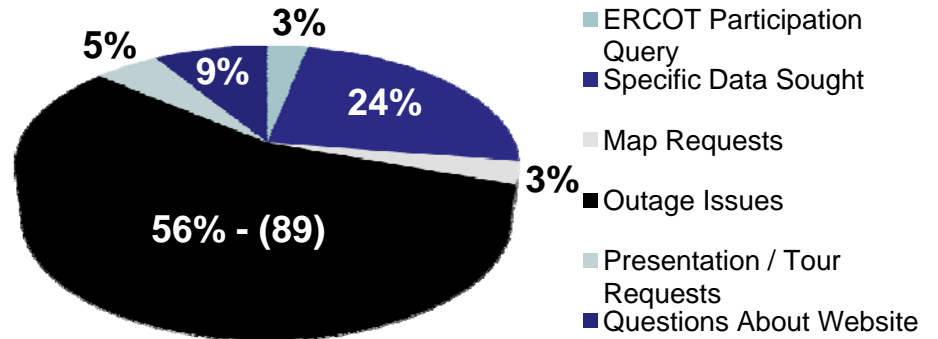
Public Information Requests – February

TOTAL REQUESTS: 172

Sources of Requests



Requests by Category



Types of Requestors

