



# External Affairs Update

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 17, 2012**

# External Relations

- ERCOT will chair the Independent System Operator/Regional Transmission Operator (ISO/RTO) Council's Communications Committee this year.

## **Upcoming hearings:**

- Senate Business and Commerce Committee heard drought testimony on January 10<sup>th</sup>
- House State Affairs Committee will hear resource adequacy testimony on February 9<sup>th</sup>

## **Other notable outreach:**

- Continue to brief PUC Commissioners on resource adequacy at each open meeting
- Hosted control room tour for PUC Commissioner Pablos
- Participated in meetings regarding drought and resource adequacy with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioner Rubenstein and Texas Water Development Board staff
- Presented on resource adequacy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation conference on January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Responded to Department of Energy's resource adequacy analysis
- Planning an ERCOT workshop on drought and transmission and generation best practices for February

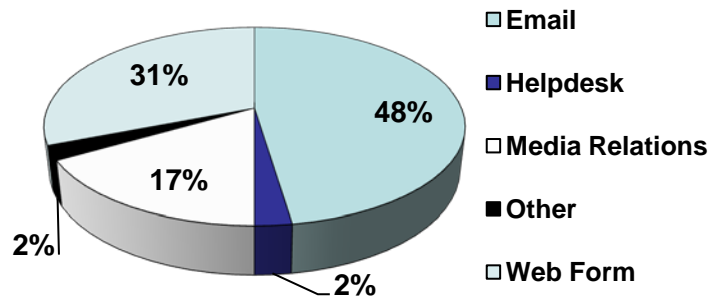
## **Possible upcoming media Issues**

- Constraints and Needs Report (annual transmission planning report, early January)
- Spring 2012 Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy (SARA) and preliminary Summer 2012 SARA
- Resource adequacy
- Drought impact
- Commodity Exchange Act -- exemption filing in near future
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Forum on Reliability, Environment, Feb. 7, Washington

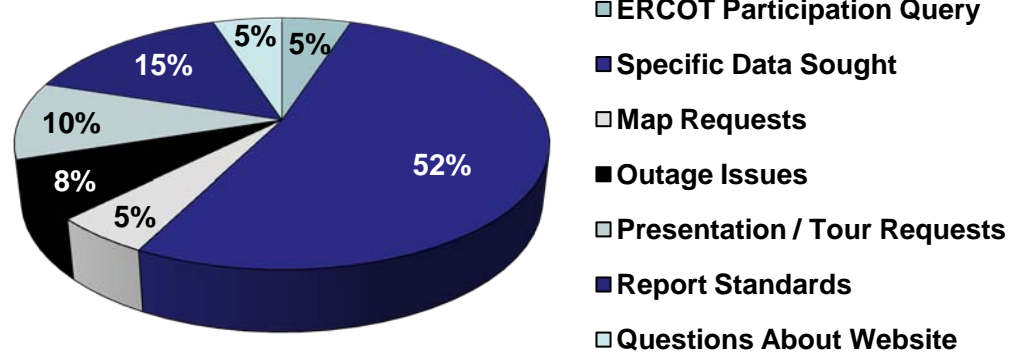
# Public Information Requests – December 2011

**TOTAL REQUESTS: 42**

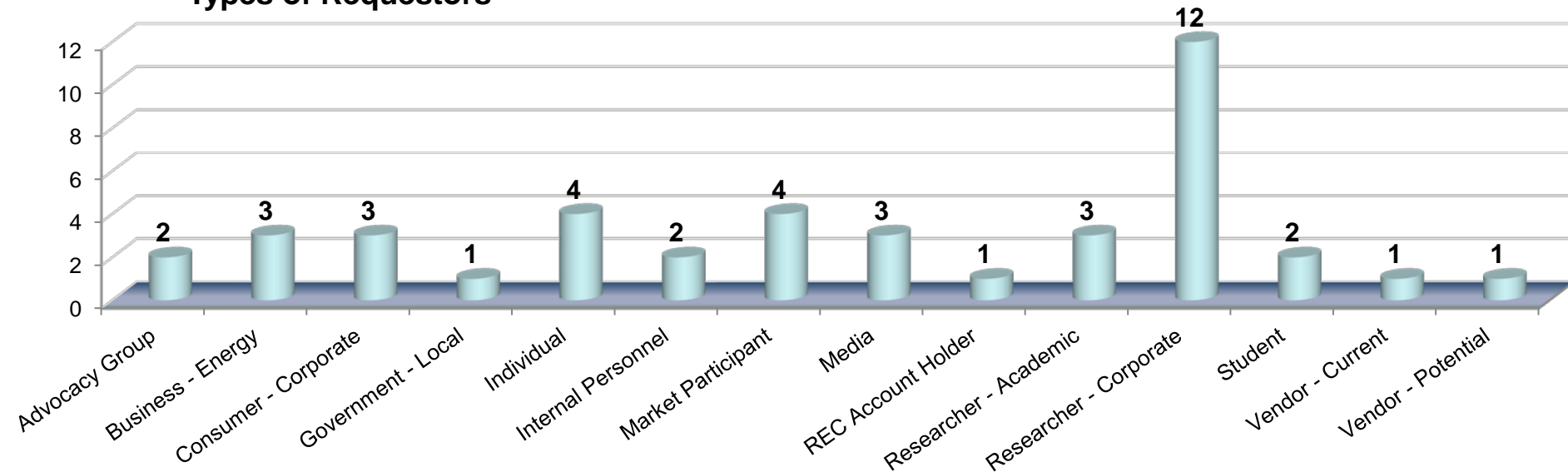
**Sources of Requests**



**Requests by Category**



**Types of Requestors**

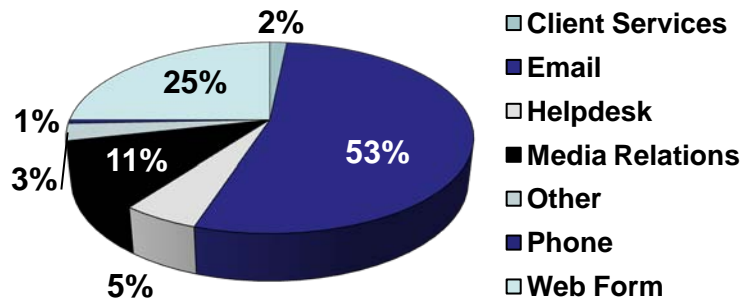


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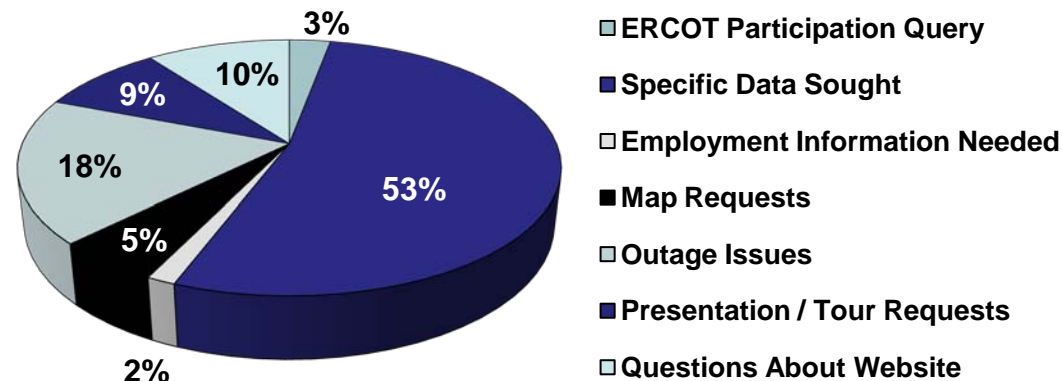
**TOTAL REQUESTS: 936**

**Requests for 2010: 776**

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