



The Senate of The State of Texas

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District 26

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Bill Magness
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Governor Greg Abbott
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The Honorable Dan Patrick
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The Honorable Dade Phelan
Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives
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The Capitol

Dear Mr. Magness, Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Speaker Phelan,

I write this letter today requesting the enforcement Section 25 of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Nodal Protocols. Last week, our constituents endured nearly 7 days without electricity, water, and food. This week, we continue to recover from this preventable tragedy.

Today consumers of the ERCOT market are facing potential bankruptcy due to the unconscionable prices of the natural gas during the 2021 Winter Storm. As a result, my office is receiving calls requesting much needed assistance.

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ERCOT determines market clearing prices of energy and other ancillary services in the ERCOT market, unless otherwise directed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Under Section 25 of the ERCOT Nodal Protocols, a market suspension triggering event may result in the suspension and restart of the market activity. Moreover, a market suspension will be declared by ERCOT at its sole discretion and communicated to market participants. Today, I write to request the enforcement Section 25 of the ERCOT Nodal Protocols.

This tragedy was preventable and ERCOT has the ability and responsibility to direct this much needed relief. Please feel free to call my office if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José Menéndez".

José Menéndez

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