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DISTRICT 38
CAMERON COUNTY

March 2, 2021

Chief Executive Officer Bill Magness
The Electric Reliability Council of Texas
7620 Metro Center Dr.
Austin, TX 78744

Mr. Magness,

Thank you for your participation in last week's hearing. I know emotions were high but that was only because of the passion I know we all share in ensuring Texans have access to a reliable state electric grid. We appreciate your commitment to helping us understand what happened and developing a path forward. I am writing to you today to request the following information from The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) regarding the 2021 winter event in Texas.

During the February 25th, 2021, joint hearing of the State Affairs & Energy Resources Committees of the Texas House of Representatives, a utility company stated that ERCOT had conducted an audit of their facilities in November of 2020. The company specified that the audit was done virtually, per ERCOT's request. Pursuant to this information, I respectfully request the following information:

- Please provide ERCOT's standards or policies for conducting audits of power generators' equipment to ensure compliance with weatherization standards. Please provide ERCOT's records for 2019 and 2020 related to audits concerning weatherization, emergency preparation compliance, or any other aspect that would impact generation capacity during adverse weather events.
- During the testimony before the committees, the PUC indicated that it had delegated the responsibility to review and audit Emergency Operations Plans to ERCOT. Please provide any records that indicate this delegation and when it was provided.
- Was the decision to conduct audits of equipment virtually left to the discretion of the individual companies or ERCOT? Please provide your policy or rule governing audits and any accommodations that have been made in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Please provide records of all facilities that you inspected and reviewed Emergency Operations Plans for 2019 and 2020.



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- Please provide any records detailing standards for review of Emergency Operations Plans and any action taken by ERCOT to request compliance from market participants if plans were deemed to be inadequate.

Additionally, I am requesting a timeline of communication between ERCOT, the Public Utility Commission, state officials, and other generators/providers leading up to and during the winter storm.

Due to time constraints that come from the Legislative Session, I respectfully request that this information be provided by March 8, 2021. Thank you for your attention to this request and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie Lucio III".

Rep. Eddie Lucio, III

cc: Governor Greg Abbott
Lt. Governor Dan Patrick
Speaker Dade Phelan
Sen. Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Business & Commerce Committee
Rep. Chris Paddie, Chair, House State Affairs Committee
Rep. Craig Goldman, Chair, House Energy Resources Committee