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COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Public Hearing
Wednesday, July 31, 2024, 9:00am
Capitol Extension Room E2.016

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Quorum Call

III. General Update and Status Report

- **HB 9, relating to the development and funding of broadband and telecommunications services**
 - General Update and Status Report
 - Glenn Hegar, Comptroller, Comptroller of Public Accounts
 - Gregory Conte, Director, Broadband Development Office, Comptroller of Public Accounts
 - Glenn Hamer, President and CEO, Texas Association of Business
- **HB 5174, relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium**
 - General Update and Status Report
 - Adriana Cruze, Executive Director Economic Development and Tourism, Office of Governor Greg Abbott
 - Glenn Hamer, President and CEO, Texas Association of Business
 - Jeremy Martin, CEO, Austin Chamber
- **Utility Preparedness, Response, Recovery Protocols**
 - Section 1: General Update
 - Jason Wells, CEO, CenterPoint Energy
 - Kerry Kelton, General Manager, MidSouth Electric Cooperative
 - Section 2: General Update from State Agencies
 - Thomas Gleeson, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas
 - Pablo Vegas, President and CEO, Electric Reliability Council of Texas
 - Chris Ekoh, Deputy Public Counsel, Office of Public Utility Counsel
 - Nim Kidd, Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management
 - Section 3: General Update
 - Eliecer Viamontes, President and CEO, Entergy Texas, Inc.
 - John Nielsen-Gammon, Director, Southern Regional Climate Center, Texas State Climatologist
 - Section 4: General Update from the Public

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- Mark Keough, Montgomery County Judge
- Scott Harper, President, Conroe / Lake Conroe Chamber
- Lon Squyres, City Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator, Jacinto City
- Nick Hadjigeorge, Director of Utility Regulation, City of Houston
- Section 5: General Update from the Public
 - Allen Provost, Community Servant, North of 610 East of 59
 - Huey German Wilson, Super Neighborhood 48 Trinity / Houston Gardens
- **HB 2555, relating to transmission and distribution system resiliency planning by and cost recovery for electric utilities**
 - General Update and Status Report
 - Connie Corona, Executive Director, Public Utility Commission of Texas
 - Woody Rickerson, Senior Vice President and COO, Electric Reliability Council of Texas
 - Chris Ekoh, Deputy Public Counsel, Office of Public Utility Counsel
 - Mark Bell, President and CEO, the Association of Electric Companies of Texas, Inc.
- **HB 1500, relating to the continuation and functions of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Office of Public Utility Counsel, and the functions of the independent organization certified for the ERCOT power region, increasing an administrative penalty**
 - Section 1: General Update
 - Connie Corona, Executive Director, Public Utility Commission of Texas
 - Woody Rickerson, Senior Vice President and COO, Electric Reliability Council of Texas
 - Chris Ekoh, Deputy Public Counsel, Office of Public Utility Counsel
 - Cyrus Reed, Conservation Director, Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter
 - Section 2: General Update
 - Walt Baum, CEO, Powering Texans
 - Mark Bell, President and CEO, the Association of Electric Companies of Texas, Inc.
 - Julia Harvey, Vice President, Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs, Texas Electric Cooperatives
 - Michele Richmond, Executive Director, Texas Competitive Power Advocates
 - Section 3: General Update
 - Tony Bennett, President, Texas Association of Manufacturers
 - Hector Rivero, President and CEO, Texas Chemistry Council

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- Jean Ryall, Consultant, Advanced Power Alliance
- Dean Foreman, Chief Economist, Texas Oil and Gas Association
- **SB 2627, relating to funding mechanisms to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities**
 - Section 1: General Update and Status Report
 - Connie Corona, Executive Director, Public Utility Commission of Texas
 - Woody Rickerson, Senior Vice President and COO, Electric Reliability Council of Texas
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- **SB 1699, relating to electricity service in the ERCOT power region, including the participation of aggregated distributed energy resources in the ERCOT market**
 - Section 1: Update from Electricity Agencies
 - Connie Corona, Executive Director, Public Utility Commission of Texas
 - Woody Rickerson, Senior Vice President and COO, Electric Reliability Council of Texas
 - Chris Ekoh, Deputy Public Counsel, Office of Public Utility Counsel
 - Section 2: General Update
 - Sam Chang, Director and Associate General Council, CenterPoint Energy
 - Cyrus Reed, Conservation Director, Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter

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