

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

OPEN MEETING AGENDA WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009, 9:30 A.M. Commissioners' Hearing Room 7th Floor, William B. Travis Building

The following items will be taken up first without discussion: 12, 15.

Project No. 36535 - Open Meeting Agenda items without an associated control number.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. Docket No. 35804 - Informational Notice of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas for Switched Access Service Tariff Rate Reduction. (Appeal of Order No. 3) Davida Dwyer
2. Discussion and possible action regarding competitive telecommunications issues under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Public Utility Regulatory Act or proposed amendments to those acts.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding customer service issues, including but not limited to correspondence and complaint issues.
4. Infrastructure Reliability, Emergency Management, and Homeland Security matters. (Discussion and possible action) David Featherston

ELECTRIC

5. Project No. 26793 - PUC Proceeding Related to Retail Market Oversight Activities. Jess Totten
6. Project No. 23100 - PUC Market Oversight Activities. Jess Totten
7. Project No. 31600 - Transition to an ERCOT Nodal Market Design. (Discussion and possible action) Jess Totten
8. Docket No. 32707; SOAH Docket No. 473-07-0218 - Application of Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a Proposed Transmission Line in Henderson and Van Zandt Counties, Texas. (Remand Proposal for Decision) Heidi Jackson
9. Docket No. 34650; SOAH Docket No. 473-08-3220 - Application of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a Proposed 138-kV Transmission Line for the Enstor Leaching and Gas Facility in Liberty County, Texas. (Final Order) Mark Hovenkamp

10. Docket No. 33687 - Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for Transition to Competition Plan (TTC Plan) and Appended Documents. (Discussion and possible action) John Kramer
11. Docket No. 35665 - Commission Staff's Petition for the Selection of Entities Responsible for Transmission Improvements Necessary to Deliver Renewable Energy from Competitive Renewable Energy Zones. (Discussion and possible action) Heidi Jackson
12. Docket No. 35950 - Application of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of Transmission Cost of Service and Wholesale Transmission Rates. (Final Order) Irene Montelongo
13. Docket No. 36412 - Application of Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) for Approval of a Revised Nodal Market Implementation Surcharge. (Discussion and possible action) Irene Montelongo
14. Docket No. 36442 - Agreed Notice of Violation and Settlement Agreement Relating to Occidental Power Services, Inc.'s Violation of PURA § 39.151(j) and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.503, Relating to Failure to Adhere to ERCOT Protocol § 6.10.5.4 Concerning Load Acting as Resource Service Requirements. (Final Order) Irene Montelongo
15. Docket No. 36491 - Agreed Notice of Violation and Settlement Agreement Relating to El Paso Electric Company's Violation of PURA § 38.005 and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.52, Concerning Reliability and Continuity of Service. (Final Order) Irene Montelongo
16. Project No. 35768 - PUC Rulemaking Relating to Retail Electric Provider Disclosures to Customers. (Proposal for Adoption) Mick Long, Shawnee Claiborne-Pinto
17. Project No. 36536 - PUC Rulemaking to Expedite Customer Switch Timelines. (Discussion and possible action) Mick Long
18. Project No. 20970 - Plan for Implementing SB 7, SB 86, and SB 20; Plan for Implementing Other Legislation Relating to Electric Service. Jess Totten
19. Project No. 23578 - Customer Education Campaign. (Discussion and possible action) Mike Renfro
20. Discussion and possible action on electric utility reliability, electric utility restructuring, ERCOT oversight, market-development activities in areas outside of ERCOT, and electric reliability standards and organizations arising under federal law.
21. Discussion and possible action regarding customer service issues, including but not limited to correspondence and complaint issues.
22. Infrastructure Reliability, Emergency Management, and Homeland Security matters. (Discussion and possible action) David Featherston

ADMINISTRATIVE

23. Discussion and possible action regarding operating budget, strategic plan, appropriations request, project assignments, correspondence, staff reports, agency administrative issues, fiscal matters and personnel policy.
24. Adjournment for closed session to consider:
 - a. litigation matters, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071(a)(1), regarding pending or contemplated litigation, including but not limited to:
 - AEP Texas Central Company and Cities of Corpus Christi, et al. v. PUC, No. 13-06-00311, in the 13th Court of Appeals. (Appeal of Docket No. 27035)
 - AEP Texas Central Company v. PUC, D-1-GN-07-001153, Travis County District Court; Steering Committee of Cities v. PUC, D-1-GN-07-001144, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 32758)
 - AEP Texas Central Company v. PUC, No. 08-0634, Texas Supreme Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 31056)
 - AEP Texas North Co. v. Public Utility Commission, No. GN5-02614, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 29703)
 - AEP Texas North Co. v. Public Utility Commission of Texas, No. 03-05-00644-CV, in the Third Court of Appeals. (Appeal of Docket No. 26000)
 - Cap Rock Energy Corp. and Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. v. Public Util. Comm'n, No. 03-07-00730-CV, in the Third Court of Appeals. (Appeal of Docket No. 28813)
 - CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric & Texas Genco v. PUC, et al., Cause No. 08-0421, Texas Supreme Courts. (Appeal of Docket No. 29526)
 - Cities of Beaumont, Conroe, Groves, Nederland, Pine Forest, Port Neches, Rose City, and Silsbee v. PUC, Cause No. D-1-GV-08-000003, Travis County District Court. (Appeals of Docket No. 32710)
 - Cities of Corpus Christi, et al. v. Public Utility Commission, No. D-1-GV-06-000973, 201st Judicial District, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 31433)
 - Cities of Corpus, et al. v. PUC, D-1-GN-08001522, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 33309)
 - Cities of Dickinson *et al.* v. PUC, D-1-GN-07-000116, Travis County District Court (Appeal of Docket 31994)
 - Cities of Dickinson, Friendswood, La Marque, League City, Lewisville, and Texas City v. PUC, 03-08-00492-CV, Third Court of Appeals. (Appeal of Docket No. 33106)
 - Cities of Harlingen, McAllen, Mission, Port Lavaca, Rockport and Victoria v. PUC, Cause No. D-1-GV-08-000253, Travis County District Court. (Appeals of Docket No. 33734)
 - City of Bryan v. PUC, D-1-GV-08-002325, Travis County District Court (Appeal of 35011)

City of El Paso and El Paso Electric Company v. Public Util. Comm'n. 03-08-00577, in the Third Court of Appeals. (Appeals of Docket No. 26194)

City of University Park v. PUC, Cause No. 03-08-00692-CV, in the Third Court of Appeals. (Appeal of Docket No. 33742)

Coastal Habitat Alliance v. Jerry Patterson in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, and Chairman Barry Smitherman and Julie Caruthers Parsley and Paul Hudson, each in their official capacity as Commissioners of the PUC, and Texas Gulf Wind LLC wholly owned by Babcock & Brown Renewable Holdings, Inc., No. A-07-CA-985-YL, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. (Docket No. 34298)

Coastal Habitat Alliance v. PUC, Barry Smitherman, Chairman, Paul Hudson, Commissioner, and Julie C. Parsley, Commissioner, No. 03-08-00205-CV, in the Third Court of Appeals. (Appeal of Docket No. 34298)

Constellation Energy v. PUC, D-1-GN-08-001522, Travis County District Court (Appeal of Docket 33500)

FERC Docket No. ER07-956-000, Entergy Services, Inc.

FERC Docket ER07-682-002, Entergy Services, Inc.

FERC Docket EL08-80, Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Freedom Group v. PUC, D-1-GN-08-000124, Travis County District Court (Appeal of 33138)

In the Matter of ASAP Paging for Preemption of PUC Concerning Retail Rating of Local Calls to CMRS Carriers, FCC DA-04-92; WC 04-6 (Docket No. 25673)

In the Matter of Petition of Alenco Communications, Inc., Big Bend Telephone Company, Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Riviera Telephone Company, Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Texas Telephone Association for a Declaratory Ruling and for Preemption, CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal Communications Commission.

In the Matter of Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338, Federal Communications Commission.

In the matter of Sprint Spectrum, L.P. Petition for Declaratory Ruling that the Kansas Corporation Commission's October 2, 2006 Order in Docket 06-GMIT-446-GIT, WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 07-138, Federal Communications Commission.

Lamb County Elec. Coop., Inc. v. Public Util. Comm'n, No. 03-04-00593-CV, Texas Court of Appeals, Third District. (Appeal of Docket No. 24229)

Logix Communications, LP v. PUC, 07-51697, U.S. Supreme Court (Appeal of 30103)

McCullough v. Public Util. Comm'n, No. 13-07-00624-CV, Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth District of Texas. (Appeal of Docket No. 29415)

Mobberley Road & 285 Partners, Ltd., BVJV Wataugua, L.P., and Duck Point Partners, Ltd. v. PUC, D-1-GN-08-000982, Travis County District Court (Appeal of 32871)

Nucor Steel v. PUC, Oncor Electric Delivery Co. and Texas Energy Future Holdings Limited Partnership, Travis County District Court, D-1-GN-08-002467. (Appeal of Docket No. 34077)

Office of Public Utility Counsel v. PUC, Cause No. D-1-GN-08-000796, Cause No. D-1-GN-08-000476 (Consolidated), Travis County District Court. (Appeals of Docket No. 32795)

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. v. Public Util. Comm'n, No. D-1-GN-06-003805, 200th Judicial District, Travis County District Court; Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. v. Public Util. Comm'n, No. D-1-GN-06-003209, 126th Judicial District, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 31422)

Power Resource Group, Inc. v. Public Utility Commission, No. GN5-02139, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 30172)

Texas Industrial Energy Consumers and Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities v. CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, and Pub. Util. Comm'n, Texas Supreme Court, No. 08-0727. (Appeal of Docket No. 30706)

Public Util. Comm'n v. Southwestern Public Service Company, 03-08-00070-CV, Court of Appeals for the Third District (Appeal of Docket 32685)

Public Utilities Board of the City of Brownsville v. PUC, Travis County District Court, D-1-GV-08-001459. (Appeal of Docket No. 34410)

Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. v. Current Communications of Texas, L.P., No. 06-11388 in the 162nd District Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Southwestern Elec. Power Co. v. PUC, D-1-GN-08-003771, Travis County District Court (Appeal of 33891)

Texas Cable & Telecommunications Association v. Perry, et al., No. A-05-CV-721-LY, Western District of Texas No. A-05-CV-721; U.S. Supreme Court, No. 06-51514.

Texas Cable & Telecommunications Association v. Public Util. Comm'n, No. D-1-GN6-001900, Travis County District Court. (SB 5)

Texas Commercial Energy, L.L.C., Case No. 03-20366-C-11, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas.

Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n, Cause No. D-1-GN-06-002544, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 32084).

Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n, Cause No. D-1-GN-07-001422, Travis County District Court; Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n, Cause No. D-1-GN-07-001948, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 33550).

Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n & City of Bryan, Cause No. GN02-00685, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 24418)

Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n & City of Bryan, Cause No. GN3-00714, Travis County District Court; Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n & City of Bryan, Cause No. GN3-01234, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket 25002)

Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n, Cause No. GN4-02490, Travis County District Court; Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n, Cause No. GN4-02811, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket No. 28937)

Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Util. Comm'n, GN5-02012, Travis County District Court (Appeal of Docket No. 30474)

Texas Municipal Power Agency v. Public Utility Commission, No. D-1-GN-06-002166, 353rd Judicial District, Travis, Texas; City of Garland, Texas v. Public Utility Commission, No. D-1-GV-06-001243, 261th Judicial District, Travis County, Texas; Public Utilities Board of the City of Brownsville v. Public Utility Commission, No. D-1-GN-06-002131, 98th Judicial District, Travis County District Court (Appeals of Docket No. 31540)

Texas-New Mexico Power, et. al. v. Public Util. Comm'n, No. 08-0187, Supreme Court of Texas. (Appeal of Docket No. 29206)

Texas-New Mexico Power Company v. PUC, et al., No. D-1-GN-07-003992, Travis County District Court. (Appeal of Docket 33106)

Utex Communications Corp. v. Public Utility Commission, et al., No. A-06-CA-567-LY, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. (Docket Nos. 26381, 30459, and 32041)

Wanda Kerns v. AT&T and PUC, No. S00460, Justice Court, Precinct Four, Nacogdoches, County

- b. Consultation with its attorneys, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071(a)(2).
- c. Personnel matters, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074; discussion and decision regarding personnel matters including but not limited to the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director, and the Division Directors.
- d. Security matters pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 551.076; including matters under Project No. 24729 and other matters related to deployment, use or implementation of security personnel or devices.

Reconvene for discussion and decisions on matters considered in closed session.

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