

PUC PROJECT NO. 21072

GOAL FOR NATURAL GAS

**§ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
§ OF TEXAS
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ORDER WAIVING FILING REQUIREMENTS

This Order waives the 2001 Annual Reporting requirement set forth in P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.172 (h) Additionally, this Order waives the required filing by Generators scheduled for February 14, 2001. Generators shall file information in 2002 that would cover their historical activity from January 1, 2000 as well as projected additions to capacity in the future.

I. Discussion

P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.172 (h) requires that each registered power generation company, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative (Generator) file information with the Commission needed to prepare an annual report on the fuel mix of new generation installed in this state after January 1, 2000. Capacity based on renewable energy is exempt from these reporting requirements. (Substantive Rule 25.172(c)(1))

The Commission keeps a database that tracks the installation of new power plants in Texas that provides the Commission with the source of information that Substantive Rule 25.172 requests. According to this database, almost every new thermal generating unit planned, under construction, or completed will be powered by natural gas. As such, the marketplace is greatly exceeding the targets for gas-fired generation in Texas as set in Substantive Rule 25.172(b) and (e).

As a result, the Commission finds that it is appropriate to waive the Annual Report described in P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.173(h) for 2001. The Commission also waives the required filing by Generators scheduled for February 14, 2001. Generators shall file information in 2002 that would cover their historical activity from January 1, 2000 as well as projected additions to capacity in the future.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the _____ day of February, 2001.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

PAT WOOD, III, CHAIRMAN

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