



Texas Energy Reliability Council

TERC Members,

Thank you for your continuous efforts over the past year to improve our state's energy coordination and meet the needs of Texans.

As you're well-aware, the Texas Legislature established the Texas Energy Reliability Council (TERC) to ensure that the energy and electric industries in this state meet high priority human needs and address critical infrastructure concerns. TERC is also tasked with enhancing coordination and communication in the energy and electric industries in this state.

As the winter months arrive, bringing with them the threat of below-freezing temperatures and potential for ice and snow, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the obligations outlined in the TERC Charter (Texas Government Code Sec. 418.302).

For example, Texas is bracing for extremely cold air this week, which is expected to drop temperatures below freezing—in some cases well below freezing—for multiple days heading into the holiday weekend. Most Texans should expect frigid conditions through at least the start of next week.

Texans across the state rely on the energy sector and a multitude of government agencies for support during potentially hazardous weather conditions. As the coldest part of the year reaches us, please do your part to continue to work both with your respective stakeholders and collaboratively across industry and government to uphold the high priority human needs and critical infrastructure concerns that the energy and electric industries must meet.

The State of Texas, through the Texas Emergency Management Council at the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, will continue to prepare and respond to the winter weather forecast accordingly, with resources available to Texas communities.

The Texas Emergency Management Council will begin hosting energy industry coordination calls daily at 2:00 p.m. at least through the start of next week, to address the dangerously cold temperatures. Industry stakeholders interested in participating in the call may send an email to terc@tdem.texas.gov to obtain dial-in information.

Now is the time to continue making any additional necessary preparations to provide high quality service to Texas communities should emergency needs arise.

Thank you for your ongoing work to support the people of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Nim Kidd".

W. Nim Kidd
Chair, Texas Energy Reliability Council

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