

Senate Bill 3 & PUC Updates

**DIVISION OF UTILITY OUTREACH
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



Topics of Discussion

This presentation will briefly cover:

- **Senate Bill 3 Implementation**
- **Coordination with TCEQ on emergency preparedness**

87th Legislature

Water Retail Public Utility Legislation

Senate Bill 3 – Omnibus Bill

- Created new section in the Texas Water Code titled, “Standards of Emergency Operations”
- Amended the definition of “Affected Utility”
- Created new definitions for “Emergency Operations” and “Extended Power Outages”

87th Legislature

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- PUC and TCEQ to coordinate on emergency preparedness and for affected utilities to file emergency preparedness information relating to electric service at water infrastructure facilities by November 1, 2021
- Docket 52299 – Interchange location for Critical Facilities filings. Currently, 1,384 affected utilities have filed their information.

87th Legislature

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- Required PUC to establish billing rules for affected utilities during extreme weather events
- Establish a classification system with penalties to be used by a court system for violations

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- PUC adopted new weatherization rules for electricity on October 2021 (Project 51840) – Phase I
- Project 51841 to implement rules regarding Electric Emergency Operations Plans – Phase II

Questions?

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