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SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator José Menéndez

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. Other members in attendance: Senator Bob Hall. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator John Whitmire

The Chair opened up invited testimony (see attached witness list) for the following purpose:

Assess recent electric generation shortages and the plans to enhance electric reliability in the ERCOT power generation system; discuss the implementation of SB 2, SB 3, SB 2154, and related legislation from the 87th Legislative Session; review of the provisions of and directives in the July 6, 2021 letter sent by Governor Abbott to the Public Utility Commission; and determine what, if any, legislative actions are necessary to implement the directives outlined within the

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Governor's July 6, 2021 letter and consider any further legislative action necessary to strengthen and achieve these directives with an emphasis on improving long term electric reliability in the state of Texas.

There being no further business, at 9:46 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Matthew Cooksey, Clerk