HB 3749

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: April 20, 2021 8:00 AM

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Sugar land, TX

It was unprecedented what Texas residents had to go through during last winter freeze. We need to be proactive and take all necessary actions now to avoid similar mistakes in future. We need full and just investigation in the matter. Texans need answers , Texans need Justice

Hearing Date: April 1, 2021 8:00 AM

Richard Jones, Mr

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I seek approval for this bill so we never have a repeat emergency as we did during Uri

Randall Chapman

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Austin, TX

I write you out of concern of the so-called Warren Buffet plan to install new gas generation that would be available to assist with margins during extreme weather events.

I have watched all State Affairs hearings related to the winter crisis. Professionally, my practice area has been in the field of representing clients before the PUC and the RRC. I have participated in customer protection rulemaking at the PUC, including protections for families in extreme weather and protections for persons who are medically vulnerable.

Questions About the Buffet Generation Plan:

1. Is the extra generation needed to avoid crisis? The power shortages were primarily the result of lack of winterization both at the wellhead and at the generators. The lack of natural gas at properly pressured levels resulted in many generators being unable to contribute to electricity supply. Had those plants operated, and voluntary demand side management (DSM) measures been implemented, there would not have been a crisis.

2. If emergency supplemental generation is needed, why should it not be purchased on the marketplace through a competitive solicitation?

3. The Buffet plan proposes new generation be added and be available solely during times of emergency. New gas fired units are extremely efficient and result in lower emission rates than older gas and coal fired generation units. Would it not make more sense to have new efficient units run daily and instead use the older units for standby power?

In your deliberations, I respectfully request your consideration of these questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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