

** REVISION **

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Business & Commerce
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 12, 2024
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Charles Schwertner

The Senate Business and Commerce Committee will meet Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Electricity Market Design: Assess state efforts to provide incentives for new thermal generation. Review and report on the state of the electricity market in Texas and issues impacting the reliability and resiliency of the Texas electric grid. Consider rulemaking related to wholesale market design, including the impact of these changes on grid reliability, market revenues, costs to consumers, and the efficiency of operations. Examine and report on the direct and indirect impacts that variable resources, such as wind and solar, have on grid resiliency, consumer prices, and market uncertainty. Monitor the implementation of House Bill 1500, 88th Legislature.

Transmitting Texas Power: Identify the future electric transmission and distribution system needs of the state and recommend ways to reduce barriers to constructing the necessary electric infrastructure to support the growing demand and changes in technology. Review and make any necessary recommendations to enhance legislation passed during the 88th legislative session, including the status of projects to improve the safety and resiliency of the transmission system, as well as the effect of current and future projects on consumer costs.

Impact of Bitcoin Mining on the Texas Electric Grid: Study the impact of energy-intensive cryptocurrency mining facilities on the Texas electric grid. Report on whether any changes should be made to ERCOT demand response programs and large flexible load registration requirements to limit the impact of these facilities on system reliability and consumer costs.

Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the clerk with your name on each copy.

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **

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