

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ELECTRICAL COALITION

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The Electric Coalition meeting for this quarter was held at the Midland offices on February 21, 2023, with the option of virtual participation via Zoom. The meeting was a continuation of discussions surrounding legislative activity and actions taken by regulatory agencies in response. In addition, we discussed members' ongoing service provider issues in the basin.

Increased legislative and regulatory activity in Austin has highlighted the need for renewed participation from coalition members. Members were asked to begin attending ERCOT meetings, particularly, the Regional Planning Group (RPG) monthly meetings. The 2023 RPG meeting schedule was provided, and several member organizations have committed to coalition representation. The RPG provides the primary forum for discussion, input and comment on issues related to planning the ERCOT system for reliable and efficient operation. ERCOT staff leads the RPG, and membership is open to all market participants, transmission and distribution service providers, Public Utility Commission of Texas staff and other stakeholders. Members provide input for annual and special planning studies, review proposed transmission projects, and provide comments to ERCOT's independent review of proposed projects. It is imperative that our industry takes a more proactive role in this process as our electric grid dependence increases.

Members also discussed issues they are experiencing in acquiring new or upgraded electric service to Permian facilities. Several members stated their Transmission and Distribution Service Provider (TDSP) has failed to meet in-service dates or to provide timely feedback on many projects. PBPA staff and Coalition leadership contacted the TDSP to setup a meeting. The meeting's purpose is to improve communications and to gain insight into the general project execution process to cover electric demand in the basin. We were unsuccessful in scheduling a meeting in Q1 but will continue to engage the TDSP for an agreeable meeting agenda and date in Q2.

After establishing our ERCOT meeting participation, we will begin a similar engagement process with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Increasing member participation in these regulatory agencies will improve our ability to secure the electric utility industry's support of the Permian Basin.