

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ELECTRICAL COALITION

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In the Fourth Quarter, we continued to work with the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and the Transmission Service Providers, or TSPs, (ONCOR, Texas-New Mexico Power, et. al.) on electric load forecasting to make sure Permian Basin producers have the electricity they need now and in the future. The current system that ERCOT has for additional electric transmission and generation uses a four to six-year model to have that electricity in place. Producers, however, typically have a business plan that requires additional power in place on 6 to 18-month basis.

During the Fourth Quarter, Two PBPA members, Pioneer Natural Resources through Johnny Carlock and Oncor Electric Services through Ellen Buck, along with PBPA Executive Vice President, Stephen Robertson, participated in a panel on Powering the Permian Basin as the Gulf Coast Power Association's Fall Conference. The three PBPA voices used the forum to spread the word about the power issues in the Permian Basin.

The Coalition itself held one meeting as a group in Q4 at the new PBPA Midland office. Our invited guest was Warren Lasher, Senior Director of System Planning at ERCOT. Warren engaged with our members discussing updates from the ERCOT side and answering questions concerning improvements on planning with TSPs. We also helped to organize several meetings throughout the day of Warren's visit with E&P representatives for a one on one conversation between regulator and operator/customer on future development plans for load forecasting purposes. As far as we know, this was the first time ERCOT as regulator has come to the customer to help develop grid load forecasts.

In 2020 we will continue our work on improving the current power distribution system in the Permian Basin. It is likely in 2020, we will transition from long time Electrical Coalition Chair, Toni Jameson, who will still be very active in the coalition, but has asked to hand the gavel to the next member up.