

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ELECTRICAL COALITION

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The Electric Coalition meeting for this quarter was held at the Midland offices on July 25, 2023, with the option of virtual participation via Zoom. The meeting was a continuation of discussions surrounding legislative activity with emphasis on the PUC Workshop held on July 11th. In addition, we discussed potential agenda topics for the upcoming Oncor/PBPA meeting scheduled for August 10th.

From a regulatory perspective, the July 11th PUC workshop was the most impactful regarding power delivery in the Permian Basin. PUC staff provided some feedback on proposed policy changes and rulemaking efforts. In addressing HB 5066, staff was still evaluating whether a rulemaking must proceed the Permian Basin reliability plan due in Q1-2024. PBPA staff and members will continue to monitor the PUC evaluation and any subsequent actions. To better understand the impact of proposed policy or rulemaking changes, members have responded to the call to attend ERCOT planning sessions and representation at monthly meetings has improved. We cannot overstate the need for our industry to take a more proactive role in the planning process as our electric grid dependence increases.

We conducted another Oncor/PBPA meeting on August 10th, which was hosted by Endeavor Energy Resources in Midland. Several members reiterated issues they are experiencing in acquiring new or upgraded electric service to Permian facilities. The following highlights some of the topics discussed during the meeting:

- 2023 Regional Transmission Plan and the status of projects to alleviate constraints in the Permian Basin.
- Transmission Project Information Tracking (TPIT) reports and the potential to shorten update frequency. If TPIT cannot be modified, then other avenues that could provide real-time feedback for changes to project timelines.
- Possible changes to form agreement document requested load and in-service dates that can be visible in ERCOT planning sessions. The requested in-service would only be a placeholder and not a firm commitment by Oncor.
- Clarifications concerning several construction standards and operating practices, such as, common use poles, line crossing requirements, and construction timelines for new service pole installations.

Oncor was receptive to the stated concerns and presented some process changes that were being evaluated or implemented to provide some relief. We will continue to monitor and to assess progress in future joint meetings.

By the time the Q3 2023 PBPA Board of Directors meeting will be held, the next PBPA Electrical Coalition meeting will have been conducted on September 26, 2023. However, as of the writing of this report, that meeting has not been held. The agenda for the September meeting includes a staff update on PUC and ERCOT activities, as well as a status update of Oncor responses to members' questions and process change requests.

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