

## NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.045, the Railroad Commission of Texas will take up for discussion and/or decision the following emergency matter at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Virtual Meeting: On March 16, 2020, in accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott suspended various provisions of the Open Meetings Act, including statutes that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. Therefore, pursuant to the Governor's action and Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the following matters will be taken up for discussion and/or decision by the Railroad Commission of Texas via virtual conference.

Public Access to Meeting. Due to the Governor's suspension, the public will not be able to attend the open meeting in person. Instead, the public may view the meeting live on the Railroad Commission's website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/open-meetings/> by clicking on the "Webcast" link or by going directly to [http://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/rrc/open\\_meeting/](http://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/rrc/open_meeting/). If you would like to view the meeting but are not able to access the Commission's website, please call the following number for instructions on how to listen to the meeting by telephone: 512-463-7865. To ensure you receive instructions in time, please call as soon as possible prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Register to Address the Commission on the Emergency Item. If you would like to register to address the Commission on the agenda item numbered below, please call 512-463-7865 or email [RRCconference@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:RRCconference@rrc.texas.gov). Whether registering by phone or email, please include the following:

- (1) the agenda item number;
- (2) your name and affiliation;
- (3) your address;
- (4) your phone number;
- (5) whom you represent (self or company/client); and
- (6) whether you are available for questions from the Commissioners on a specific item on the agenda or are requesting to address the Commission during the Public Input item.

You must register no later than 6:00 p.m. on February 17th.

Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability. If you would like access to the videoconference meeting and you require auxiliary aids or services, please notify the Commission as soon as possible prior to the beginning of the meeting. Requests may be made by telephone at 512-463-6981 or TDD No. 512-463-7284; or by e-mail to [ADA@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:ADA@rrc.texas.gov).

### EMERGENCY ITEM – OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY DIVISION

Pursuant to §551.045, the Commission will consider emergency item #1 below. Immediate action is required by the Commission because of a reasonably unforeseeable situation, namely the winter weather storm impacting the State of Texas since Thursday, February 11, 2021. The winter weather storm has the potential to cause the loss of natural gas supply and/or intermittent power failure, either of which present an imminent threat to public health and safety.

1. Discussion and possible extension of the Commission's emergency order issued Friday, February 12, 2021, temporarily modifying current natural gas utility curtailment priorities to ensure the protection of human needs customers.

Proposed order extending emergency order of Friday, February 12, 2021 is included below for reference. The February 12<sup>th</sup> emergency order is available for review on the Commission's website at <https://rrc.texas.gov/media/cw3ewubr/emergency-order-021221-final-signed.pdf>.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, after Notice of Emergency Meeting to consider this Emergency Order was duly posted on February 17, 2021 with the Secretary of State within the time period provided by law pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 551, *et seq.*, the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission") determined that an Emergency Order is necessary to protect human needs customers in the State of Texas because of current conditions which threaten and health, safety and welfare of those customers, and determined that the existing regulations and Orders of the Commission do not sufficiently address the specific conditions of this emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a State of Disaster in all 254 counties due to severe weather posing an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing rain statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission in the Texas Utilities Code, the Commission has the authority to issue this Emergency Order affecting the operation of the gas utility systems in this state to prevent such threats to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation, delivery and/or sale of natural gas in the State of Texas for any other purpose other than serving human needs customers should be curtailed to the extent possible and necessary for the duration of this Emergency Order;

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2021, the Railroad Commission of Texas held a duly posted emergency meeting and issued an emergency order temporarily modifying current natural gas utility curtailment priorities to ensure the protection of human needs customers;

**WHEREAS**, the emergency conditions that prompted the Railroad Commission's emergency order continue to exist;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS** that the [emergency order](#) issued by the Railroad Commission on Friday, February 12, 2021 is hereby extended until Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The emergency order will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on February 23, 2021 unless otherwise renewed by the Commission in a subsequent action.

**SIGNED** this 17th day of February 2021.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**CHAIRMAN CHRISTI CRADDICK**

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**COMMISSIONER WAYNE CHRISTIAN**

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**COMMISSIONER JIM WRIGHT**

**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY**