

Procedures for ERCOT or Other Electric Reliability Entities to Request TCEQ Enforcement Discretion for a Power Emergency

Current Procedures

During a power emergency in Texas, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) will serve as the primary agency responsible for managing the state response to major electrical outages in coordination with the State Operations Center (SOC).

Requests for TCEQ assistance in providing enforcement discretion during a power emergency will come directly from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) or other electric reliability entities. ERCOT or other electric reliability entity representatives will contact TCEQ's Homeland Security Coordinator or Director of Critical Infrastructure with the initial request for assistance.

Once the request for TCEQ enforcement discretion has been received, and forwarded to the Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE) Special Assistant to the Deputy Director, the specifics of the request will be considered, and approved as appropriate. Upon approval, the Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for OCE will then communicate the TCEQ's response on enforcement discretion directly back to ERCOT or the other electric reliability entity.

During a power emergency for which the TCEQ has provided enforcement discretion approval, individual providers should address questions or considerations specific to enforcement discretion directly to the TCEQ, copying ERCOT or the other electric reliability entity. The TCEQ will consider and reply to these questions.

The TCEQ staff will then be responsible for providing up-to-date situational awareness to the PUC and SOC on the actions taken for the duration of the event. Additionally, the OCE Special Assistant will respond to any specific information inquiries from the regulated community regarding any enforcement discretion issues.

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