

Texas 82nd Legislative Session – A Power Market Overview

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Setting precedent.

Setting the Stage

- November 2010 Elections
- Budget Deficit
- Redistricting

Overview

Summary

No significant damage

Some significant changes

- Wholesale Market – Generation
- Wholesale Market – Transmission and Distribution
- Retail Market
- Non-ERCOT Utilities
- Energy Efficiency

Wholesale Market - Generation

- Market Manipulation / Disgorgement
HB 2133 (Solomons / Fraser)
- Weatherization of Generation
SB 1133 (Hegar / Harless)
- Electric Storage Facilities
SB 943 (Carona / Anchia)
- Distributed Renewable Generation
SB 981 (Carona / Anchia)
- Standard Permits for Cogeneration Facilities
HB 3268 (Lyne / Estes)

Wholesale Market - Generation

Environmental Legislation:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Sunset
HB 2694 (W. Smith / Huffman)
- Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission
SB 1504 (Seliger / Lewis)
- Air Pollution
HB 1981 (W. Smith / Gallegos)
- Review and Approval of Mining Reclamation Permits
SB 1478 (Hegar / Crownover)

Wholesale Market – Transmission & Distribution

- Eminent Domain
SB 18 (Estes / Geren)
- Periodic Rate Adjustments for Electric Utilities
SB 1693 (Carona / Thompson)
- Power Restoration after an Outage
SB 937 (Lucio / Naishtat)
- Demand Ratchet Waivers
HB 1064 (Pitts / Carona)
- Transmission Line Permitting
HB 971 (King / Fraser)
- Office of Public Utility Counsel
SB 855 (Duncan / Hilderbran)
- Reporting Public Utility Transactions
HB 1753 (Gallego / Uresti)

Retail Market

- What did not pass:
 - Prohibiting Switch Holds
 - Net Metering for Distributed Renewable Generation

Non-ERCOT Utilities

- El Paso Electric Company
SB 1910 (Rodriguez / Margo)
- Entergy Texas
SB 1153 (Williams / Ritter)
- Xcel Energy
SB 1150 (Seliger / Frullo)

Energy Efficiency

- Utility Energy Efficiency Programs
SB 1125 (Carona / Anchia)
- Low Income Energy Efficiency Program Expenditures
SB 1434 (Carona / Geren)
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts
HB 1728 (Keffer / Harris)
- Energy Efficiency Reports by Municipally Owned Utilities & Electric Cooperatives – SB 924 (Carona / Keffer)
- Energy Efficiency Programs in Higher Education Institutions and State Agencies – SB 898 (Carona / Cook)
- Non-Governmental Entity Access to LOANSTAR Funds
HB 2077 (Rodriguez / Deuell)

Questions?

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