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## MEMORANDUM

TO: City and Other Political Subdivision Members of ERCOT  
FROM: Thomas L. Brocato  
DATE: October 12, 2021  
RE: ERCOT Membership Renewal for 2022

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that your city or other political subdivision renew its membership in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") for 2021. For the reasons we detail below, an ERCOT membership continues to be a straightforward and cost-effective way for your city to influence electric policy in Texas, and **we recommend that you submit your ERCOT membership renewal application and fee by Monday, November 8, 2021. The membership fee is \$100 per year.**

### WHAT IS ERCOT?

ERCOT is the entity that is responsible for operating the electric grid in the deregulated portion of Texas. Furthermore, ERCOT maintains the set of complicated rules that frame the way that electricity is bought and sold in the deregulated wholesale market. Through a process of negotiation and deliberation within committees of interested parties, the ERCOT stakeholder process is constantly reviewing and revising these rules, known as the ERCOT protocols. Most of the issues addressed at ERCOT are addressed nowhere else—the Public Utility Commission has largely delegated these issues to the ERCOT stakeholder process.

### WHAT ROLE DO CITIES PLAY IN THE ERCOT PROCESS?

Consumers, such as cities and other political subdivisions, have a voice in ERCOT's decision-making process. Each segment of the ERCOT market has a vote on issues before ERCOT, through its representatives on the Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC"), the Wholesale Market Subcommittee ("WMS") and the Retail Market Subcommittee ("RMS").

TAC, WMS and RMS are the bodies responsible for making the most important decisions about the detailed workings of the ERCOT market. These decisions can have bottom-line impacts on electricity prices. A total of 125 cities and other political subdivisions joined ERCOT in 2021. With this membership strength, cities successfully elected two city representatives to TAC and one director to ERCOT's Board of Directors for 2021. A strong contingent of city members would make continuation of this strong presence likely for 2022.

As you know, consumers in ERCOT face constant efforts by power generators and power marketers to modify the electricity market in ways that would increase prices. In 2022, ERCOT and the PUC will continue their work on several major market redesign initiatives. As a result, Cities' presence in the ERCOT process as a voice for consumers continues to be important.

### WHAT DOES AN ERCOT MEMBERSHIP REQUIRE?

It is not difficult to renew your ERCOT membership. A simple form is required, along with payment of a \$100 membership fee. In the pages that follow, you find a guide to completion of the form. We are also available to assist you; please feel welcome to call me (Thomas Brocato) at my phone number at the top of this memorandum, or email me at [tbrocato@lglawfirm.com](mailto:tbrocato@lglawfirm.com).

In order to vote for candidates for the 2022 TAC, WMS and RMS, **please send your renewal application and \$100 fee to ERCOT by Monday, November 8, 2020.**

In completing the attached form, please note the following:

- Only corporate members may vote in ERCOT matters. In response to **Question No. A.2** on the form, we recommend that cities renew as **Corporate**, rather than associate, members.
- On the following list of member cities, you can see which Consumer segment (Small or Large Commercial) your city joined in for 2021. **We recommend that you choose the same segment on Question No. A.4 when renewing your membership for 2022.** Please call me (Thomas Brocato) at 512-322-5857 (or email: [tbrocato@lglawfirm.com](mailto:tbrocato@lglawfirm.com)) if you have any questions about this.
- For corporate members in the Small or Large Commercial Consumer Segment, the renewal fee is **\$100**. The form designates how the payment is to be made in paragraph A.3.
- In response to **Question No. A.5, please designate as your authorized representative** an employee of your city that can receive notices from ERCOT. ERCOT contacts its members very rarely; this person will not be inundated with emails, but may be asked to vote on important issues from time-to-time. Please also designate an alternate representative; this is a new requirement in this year's form. During the coming year, please feel free to forward anything you receive from ERCOT to me at the email address above.
- There is **no need to answer Question No. A.6**, as it is not relevant to cities' memberships in ERCOT.
- Item A.3 on the form states the address at which to mail the form to ERCOT, but this can also be done by **email: [membership@ercot.com](mailto:membership@ercot.com)**. Please note that if you submit your application via email, **you must still send the \$100 fee to ERCOT by wire transfer.** Due to precautions in place related to COVID-19, ERCOT is requiring submission of all Annual Member Dues by wire transfer; ERCOT is NOT accepting credit card or check payments this year. Contact ERCOT at [membership@ercot.com](mailto:membership@ercot.com) for electronic funds transfer instructions. If payment by wire presents a difficulty for you, please contact Thomas Brocato by email at [tbrocato@lglawfirm.com](mailto:tbrocato@lglawfirm.com), or at (512) 322-5857.
- After you have sent your application to ERCOT, please forward a copy of your application to us at [tbrocato@lglawfirm.com](mailto:tbrocato@lglawfirm.com) or fax (512) 472-0532. This will help us track pending applications, and will allow us to follow up with ERCOT if issues arise.

Please feel free to call or email us if you have any questions in completing the form or about ERCOT in general.

## ERCOT Member Cities

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### SMALL COMMERCIAL

1. Aransas Co. Municipal Utility District No. 1
2. City of Benbrook
3. City of Breckenridge
4. City of Bridgeport
5. City of Cedar Hill
6. City of Clear Lake Shores
7. City of Colleyville
8. City of Colorado City
9. City of Crowley
10. City of Dalworthington Gardens
11. City of Early
12. City of Eastland
13. City of Ennis
14. City of Fate
15. City of Frisco
16. City of Glenn Heights
17. City of Hamilton
18. City of Harker Heights
19. City of Haslet
20. City of Hewitt
21. City of Howe
22. City of Josephine
23. City of Keller
24. City of La Feria
25. City of La Marque
26. City of Lake Worth
27. City of Lancaster
28. City of Lorena
29. City of Morgan's Point
30. City of Murchison
31. City of Oak Point
32. City of Paris
33. City of Portland
34. City of Pottsboro
35. City of River Oaks
36. City of Rotan
37. City of Rowlett
38. City of Sachse
39. City of Saginaw
40. City of Seagoville
41. City of Snyder
42. City of Springtown
43. City of Texas City
44. City of Webster
45. City of Weston Lakes
46. City of Wharton
47. City of White Settlement
48. City of Woodway
49. City of Wylie
50. Town of Lakeside
51. Town of Trophy Club

### LARGE COMMERCIAL

52. Aquilla Water Supply District
53. City of Alamo
54. City of Allen
55. City of Arlington
56. City of Bedford
57. City of Brownwood
58. City of Canton
59. City of Carrollton
60. City of Cleburne
61. City of Coppell
62. City of Corpus Christi
63. City of Dallas
64. City of Denison
65. City of Euless
66. City of Farmers Branch
67. City of Fort Worth
68. City of Grand Prairie
69. City of Grapevine
70. City of Houston
71. City of Irving
72. City of Killeen
73. City of Kingsville
74. City of Lewisville
75. City of McAllen
76. City of Mercedes
77. City of Mesquite
78. City of Midlothian
79. City of Mont Belvieu
80. City of North Richland Hills
81. City of Odessa
82. City of Robinson
83. City of Rockport
84. City of San Angelo
85. City of Seadrift
86. City of Stephenville
87. City of Sugar Land
88. City of Sulphur Springs
89. City of Sweetwater
90. City of Taylor Lake Village
91. City of Temple
92. City of The Colony
93. City of Tyler
94. City of Vernon
95. City of Victoria
96. City of Waco
97. City of Watauga
98. City of Waxahachie
99. City of Wichita Falls
100. Housing Authority of the City of Harlingen  
dba Harlingen Housing Authority
101. South Texas Water Authority
102. Town of Flower Mound