



# Cooperative Update

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# Fifth PUC Commissioner Announced

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed **Kathleen Jackson** to serve as commissioner on the Public Utility Commission of Texas

- Previous board member of the Texas Water Development Board
- Professional Engineer
- Chairman Peter Lake directed Commissioner Jackson to oversee all issues at the PUC related to energy efficiency and demand-side energy management



**Kathleen Jackson**  
PUC Commissioner

# Timeline for 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session

## September – October

- House and Senate Committees continue to meet and study interim charges

## November

- Elections (November 8)
- Committee Reports on interim charges are due to the House and Senate
- Legislative prefiling begins

## January

- 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature begins



# Legislative Update: Interim Charges Due in November

## Texas House Committee on State Affairs Interim Charges

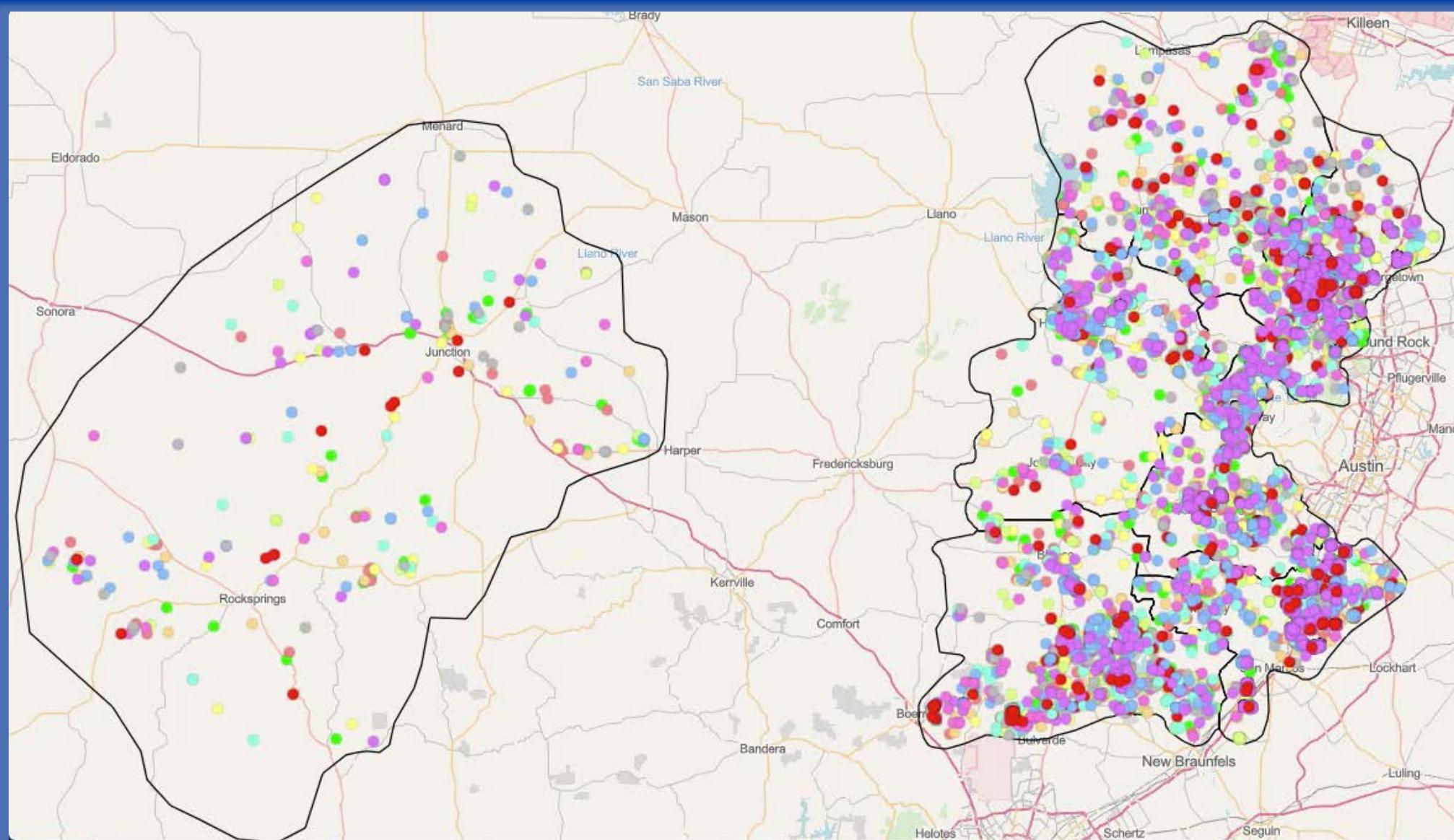
- Implementation of legislation related to broadband service on cooperative utility poles
- Governance of the PUC and ERCOT
- Prevention of power outages during weather emergencies



## Texas Senate Business and Commerce Committee Interim Charges

- Broadband expansion
- Supply chain
- ERCOT wholesale market
- Impacts to the grid, including natural gas supply

# Another 12 Months of Continued Growth



# Controlled Outages & Critical Load Letter in Bills

SB 3 requires all utility customers to receive a communication twice a year on ERCOT-mandated, controlled outages. Our next communication will go out in October.

## Key information for members:

- Controlled outages are extreme power emergencies, and all members should prepare for an interruption in service
- Members registered in the Critical Load Program and the Medical Necessity Program are not guaranteed uninterrupted electric service
- Members should have a contingency plan

For information on PEC's Critical Load Program, visit [pec.coop/critical-load](http://pec.coop/critical-load) or call 830-454-3114



### Important information about ERCOT-mandated controlled outages

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) manages the flow of electric power to more than 26 million Texans and represents about 90% of the state's electric load. ERCOT is responsible for keeping the electric grid reliable and facilitating the market in which Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) participates.

To help manage and protect the grid, ERCOT uses a series of emergency procedures in times of unusually high demand. These procedures are designed to protect the reliability of the electric system and prevent a total loss of power across the entire ERCOT grid. When demand for electricity on the ERCOT grid is greater than the supply of generated electricity, all electric utilities in the ERCOT region, including PEC, may be required to lower demand on their systems. ERCOT will typically request consumers to conserve energy and will issue conservation alerts. As a last resort to help protect the reliability of the statewide electric grid, ERCOT may order controlled outages, also referred to as rotating outages, load shedding, or service interruptions.

Controlled outages are temporary interruptions of electrical service as directed by ERCOT. PEC participates in controlled outages during periods of generation capacity shortages. Within PEC's Emergency Operations Plan, the cooperative outlines how it will manage its curtailment priorities during controlled outages.

Below is key information in the event PEC is required to participate in a controlled outage event.

- ERCOT-mandated controlled outages are extreme power emergencies in which the cooperative responds to directives from ERCOT. PEC will not have knowledge of the length and duration of the directive, and electric utilities are required to continue to comply with ERCOT instructions until ERCOT determines outages are no longer required.
- If ERCOT orders controlled outages, all members should assume their power could be interrupted without advance notice. Efforts will be made as much as possible to provide advance notification of pending service interruptions. These include updates on [pec.coop](http://pec.coop), social media, email, and text messages; however, notice may not be provided.
- During ERCOT-mandated controlled outage events, PEC is unable to predict when an individual member's power will be back on. PEC takes measures to ensure controlled outages are applied in a fair manner across the membership. Typically, a controlled outage is implemented on a rotating schedule to distribute outages fairly among



## Stronger Together: Fleet Maintenance

This month we explore a “day in the life” of our Fleet Maintenance group, showing how this vital team keeps the cooperative rolling!

# PEC Good Samaritans



**Sam Castro**  
Journeyworker  
*Oak Hill*



**Austin Hernandez**  
Lineworker  
Apprentice 3  
*Oak Hill*

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Just wanted to give a shout-out to PEC. Two trucks pulled over on McGregor at Martin to assist me change a tire for a neighbor of mine. I did not get their names. Very nice gentlemen that are a credit to our community.

A white PEC utility truck with a service body and a yellow safety bar on top is parked on the side of a paved road. The truck is angled towards the left of the frame.

A silver sedan is parked on the side of the road. Several people are gathered around it: a man in a blue shirt and jeans is kneeling near the front wheel, another man in a pink shirt and jeans is standing next to him, and a man in a blue shirt and jeans is standing further back. A white PEC utility truck is visible in the background on the left.

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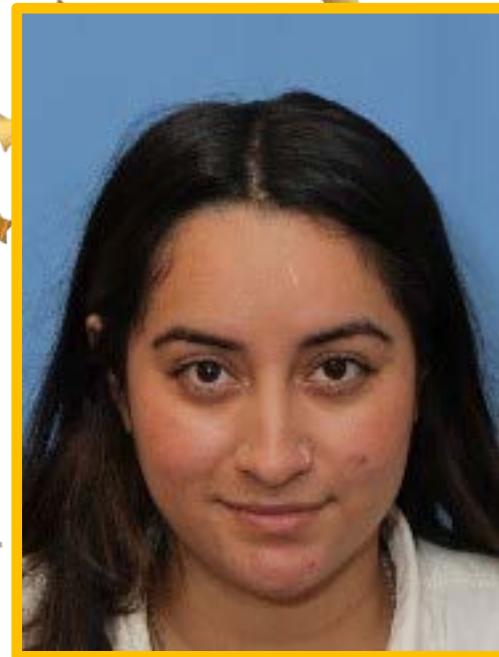
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# Employee Kudos



**Patrick Marley**  
Journeyworker  
*Kyle*



**Jessica Martinez**  
Member Relations Agent  
*Dripping Springs*



**Spencer Ray**  
Journeyworker  
*Marble Falls*



**Delia Garza**  
Member Relations  
Analyst  
*Kyle*

