

## **Cooperative Update**

Julie C. Parsley I Chief Executive Officer

## **ERCOT Update**

#### Three new directors appointed.



Robert Flexon



Julie England



Peggy Heeg

Convened first full independent board of directors meeting on January 18, 2022.



#### **ERCOT Board of Directors**

Paul Foster, Chair Bill Flores, Vice Chair

#### **Board Members**

Carlos Aguilar
Chris Ekoh
Julie England
Robert "Bob" Flexon
Peggy Heeg
Brad Jones, Non-Voting
Peter Lake, Non-Voting
Zin Smati
John Swainson



## Public Utility Commission Update

- > PEC's Interim TCOS was approved January 19
- ➤ January 1, 2022 market design changes:
  - ➤ High Systemwide Offer Cap was reduced from \$9,000 to \$5,000
  - Demand Curve used during scarcity (ORDC) adjusted to allow wholesale energy prices to move to Offer Cap faster
  - Continuing to consider additional market design changes to incent the building of dispatchable generation
- Emergency Operations Plan (EOP): Worked with TEC to file comments on draft rule requiring distribution of, and additional provisions for, EOPs



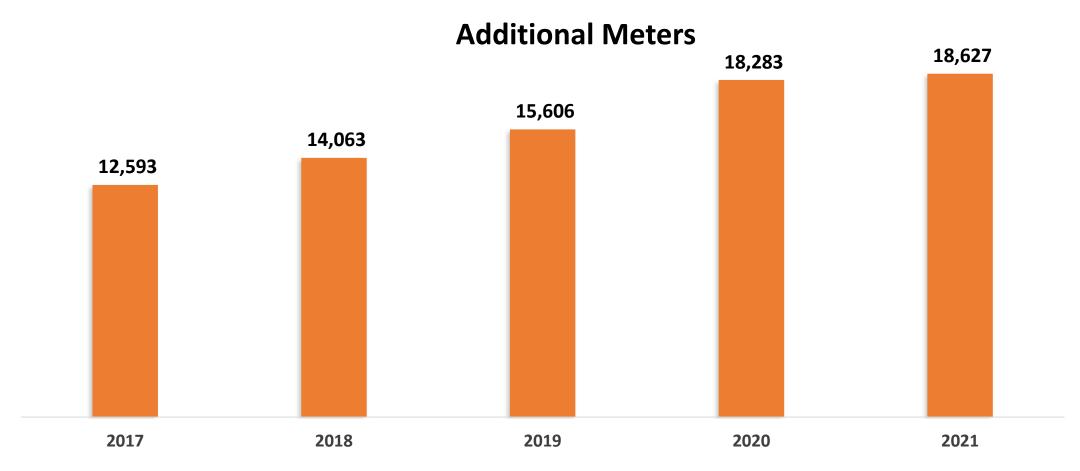
## 2021 By the Numbers

- 40,909 new member applications processed
- Total line extensions 20,592 completed
- Net growth of 18,627 additional meters
- 1,552 average monthly meters net growth
- **364,716** active meters
- **310,786** active members
- Net growth of 17,600 additional members
- 1,467 average monthly member net growth





## Rapidly Increasing Growth

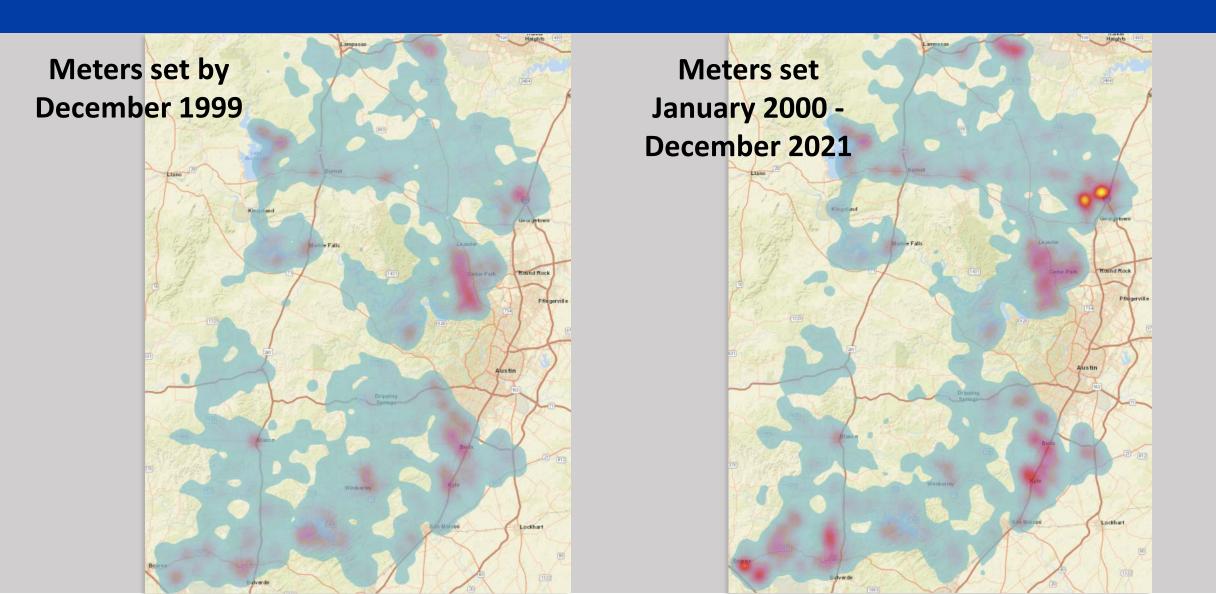


2017: 298,137 meters

**2021: 364,716 meters** 



## **High Growth Continues**



### Scholarship Program

- Applications open
   February 1 to March 21
- Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors
- A scholarship will again be available to an adult seeking to further their education





## Community Grants Available Soon

- Spring applications available in early February
- Grants funded by Power of Change
  - 777 members joined Power of Change in December
- Most recent grant recipients \$28,000 awarded
  - Austin Habitat for Humanity
  - Blanco County EMS Auxiliary
  - Brady's Bridge
  - Falls on the Colorado Museum
  - Johnson City VFD
  - Marble Falls Area EMS
  - PetPals
  - Transformations by New Braunfels Angels



**Fall 2021 Grant Recipients** 



## Nomination petition applications open January 17





## Energage's 2021 Employee Survey Results for PEC

# PEC again partnered with Energage to conduct a 2021 employee survey



The Energage survey results determine whether, when compared to similar companies that have taken the same survey, PEC's engagement rises to that of a Top Workplace

We work with Energage and seek to be a Top
Workplace in order to support the pursuit of PEC's
purpose, mission, and goals, as well as to attract and
retain great employees to help us in those endeavors.

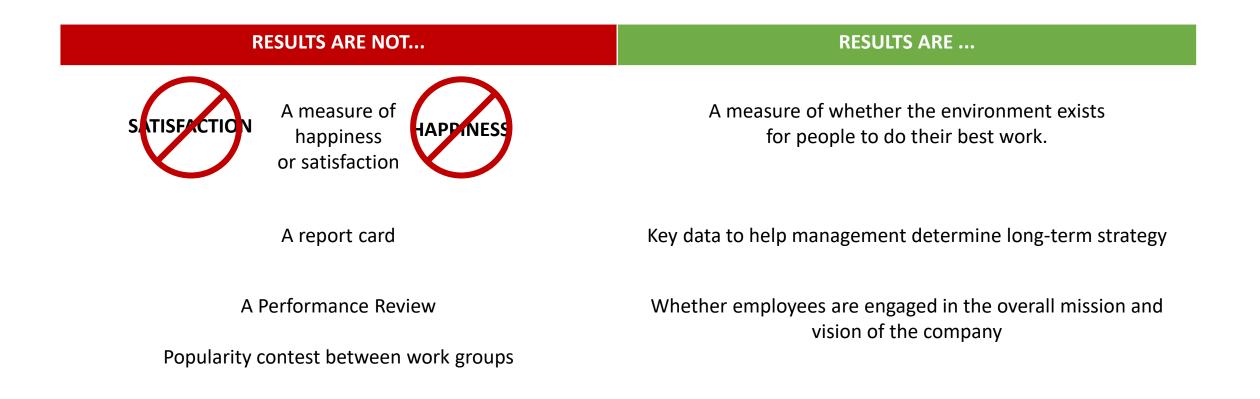


**Forbes** 



### What is this survey about?

The Top Workplaces survey results give you something beyond a simple measurement of employee happiness or satisfaction. With analytics applied, the results can predict whether the skill sets exist in your company to create excellent performance.



## Here is how PEC scored on the three engagement questions.

Here is a graphic on how employees answered the three engagement questions compared to the benchmark for utilities.

On all three statements,
PEC is at or above the
benchmark compared to
other utility companies.

**Below Benchmark Above Benchmark Benchmark** 

I would highly recommend working at Pedernales Electric Cooperative to others

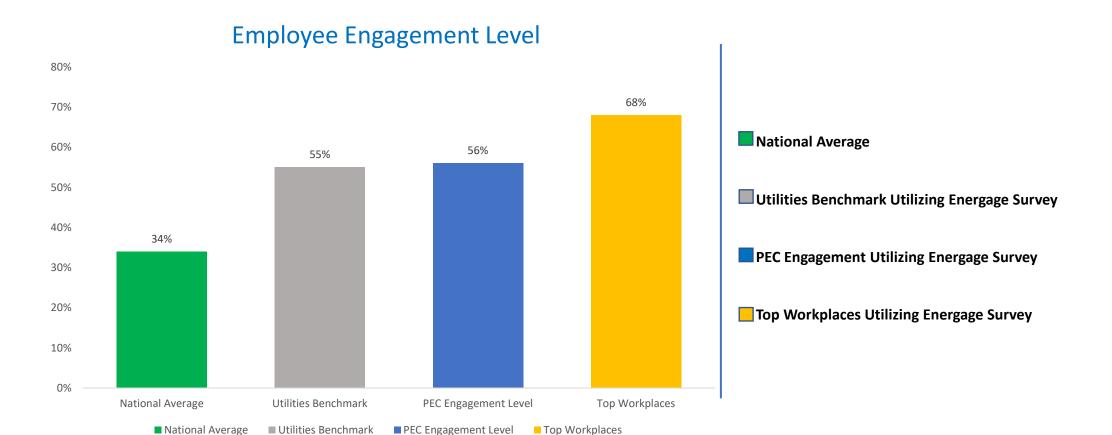
I have not considered searching for a better job in the past month

Pedernales Electric Cooperative motivates me to give my very best at work

The benchmark is based upon how employees at the other utilities Energage surveyed in the last 12 months answered the same question.

THE BIG PICTURE TRENDS

## Here is where our score stands in the national average



#### **DELAYED**

LOW performance, HIGH engagement

- Healthy in an early start-up or investment phase
- In established firms this reflects "loyalty over performance"
- Signals an absence of accountability and high-blame focus
  - Susceptible to Threat Bias

#### **DYNAMIC**

HIGH performance, HIGH engagement

- Decisions are made at appropriate levels
- Employees have control and responsibility for assignments
- Mistakes are identified, shared and learned from.
  - At risk of "Know That" Bias

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#### **PERFORMANCE**

- Leadership likely is not aligned w/managers on direction
  - Employees see little crossdepartment collaboration
  - 'Managing status quo' over 'managing for evolution.'
  - · At risk of "Reason Bias"

#### DISTRESSED

LOW engagement, LOW performance

- Manager-dependent; high burnout level
- Employees closest to customer make few decisions
  - Competition dominates crossdepartment interactions
  - At risk of Confirmation Bias

#### DEPENDENT

HIGH performance, LOW engagement

#### Performance Characteristics

The Performance Grid is a diagnostic tool that provides insight into what characteristics are distinctive to levels of engagement and performance.

These descriptions are based on the survey results of thousands of companies. Companies often follow a U-shaped curve as they mature, starting in Delayed.

Most companies are in Dependent, where managers make too many decisions.

About 15% of companies are considered Dynamic.

**ENGAGEMENT** 

#### **Celebrations**

These three areas were the most encouraging



#### Meaningfulness

My job makes me feel like I am part of something meaningful



#### **Development**

My Manager helps me learn and grow



#### **Appreciation**

I feel genuinely appreciated at Pedernales Electric Cooperative

#### **Opportunities**

These three areas have the most room for growth



#### **Innovation**

New ideas are encouraged at Pedernales Electric Cooperative



#### **Clued-in Leaders**

Senior managers understand what is really happening at Pedernales Electric Cooperative



#### **Open-mindedness**

Pedernales Electric Cooperative encourages different points of view

## Celebration and Opportunities

We asked employees several questions about their work experience, and these are the 3 highest rated and lowest rated statements.

I LOVE MY JOB BECAUSE...

# This comment cloud displays words Pedernales Electric Cooperative employees use to describe why they love their jobs.

We thought we'd end on a high note!
When asked to describe why Pedernales
Electric Cooperative employees love
their jobs, our text analysis tools
identified these words as the most
common.

As you think about steps you might take in response to your survey, remember to take time to **celebrate your organization's strengths** as well.

work environment gives me the opportunity development not micro pushes great to work new challenges single day other departments amazing supervisor tools voice respect growth family contribute enjoy doing members appreciate improve benefit pay membership understanding compliments assisting challenge peers benefits work life balance great benefits busy community new everyday support difference service feel like I make a difference learning make a difference can learn

learn something new



## **Employee Kudos from Members**









David Mead

Member Relations

Control Center Specialist

Headquarters

Priscilla Chapa
Member Relations
Analyst
Canyon Lake

Member Relations
Analyst
Cedar Park

Chris Scott
Journeyworker
Bertram

**Boyd Edwards**Regional Operations
Supervisor
Bertram

## Employee Heroes—Saved Passengers from Burning Vehicle





Garrit Afman Journeyworker Canyon Lake

Michael Burkhardt Lineworker Apprentice 3 Canyon Lake

