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Media Inquiry—Permian Basin Reliability Plan

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Robert,

The PUCT strongly encourages Texans to participate in the Commission's transmission line route selection, and we have many ways they can do that throughout the entire process. Public input is critical.

On your second question, since 2021 the PUCT and ERCOT have adopted and implemented significant landmark electric reliability reforms making the Texas grid more reliable than it's ever been. These landmark reforms include, but certainly aren't limited to:

- Requiring weatherization of electric utility facilities and equipment
- Lowering the price cap on power and amending price signals to incentivize more power availability when demand increases
- Giving ERCOT authority to manage electric generator maintenance schedules to ensure enough generation capacity at all times
- Creation of the first-ever reliability standard for the ERCOT grid
- Implementation of RTC+B – further strengthening grid reliability by using real-time data to respond to fast-changing grid conditions, and integrating batteries
 - Improves efficient resource management and lowers total system costs
- Implementation of the voter-approved Texas Energy Fund that already has loan agreements for construction of more than 3,500 MW of thermal, dispatchable generation resources for the Texas grid, with nearly 5,000 MW of projects undergoing rigorous review for potential construction loan approval.

Leadership and support from Gov. Abbott and the Texas Legislature have been critical to ensuring the grid remains resilient, reliable and continues to power our state's growing economy.

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