

** REVISION **

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Business & Commerce
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, May 01, 2018
PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Kelly Hancock

The Senate Committee on Business and Commerce will meet to hear the following interim charges:

Interim Charge on Grid Reliability: Examine the 2018 electric reliability forecasts announced by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). Review how expected diminished reserve margins will impact the rates of residential and business consumers. Monitor current mechanisms available to ERCOT to ensure grid reliability, and identify trends in the wholesale electric market. Make recommendations to maintain grid reliability moving forward.

Interim Charge on Free Market Electricity: Examine the competitive nature of the Texas retail electric system and what government competitive intrusions in the free energy markets may have in distorting those markets. Review the impact of competitive versus noncompetitive retail electricity markets across the state in terms of price and reliability. Consider the projected impact of establishing competitive electric retail markets statewide.

Invited testimony only.

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **