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Public Utility Commission of Texas to Administer Texas Energy Fund Following Voter Approval of Proposition 7

TEF to Help Fund Construction and Modernization of Reliable Energy Resources

Austin, Texas – The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) will implement the [Texas Energy Fund](#) (TEF), as directed by the Texas Legislature through Senate Bill 2627 and approved by Texas voters on Nov. 7. The TEF will provide grants and loans to finance the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric facilities in Texas.

“PUC staff has been working hard since early summer to prepare for implementation of the TEF,” said PUC Executive Director Thomas Gleeson. “With voter approval of the fund, we will push forward developing the program and design transparent processes to ensure the administration of the TEF is timely, fiscally responsible, and effective. The TEF is another vital tool to ensure the reliability and resiliency of the Texas electric grid.”

TEF funding opportunities will be available for dispatchable electric generation projects and facility enhancements both in and outside of the [Electric Reliability Council of Texas \(ERCOT\) Power Region](#) based on application and award processes under development by the PUC. The PUC will review all applications and administer the fund.

In addition to grants and loans to finance the construction and modernization of dispatchable electric generating facilities, the TEF will provide grants and loans to support the installation of backup power packages for facilities in Texas that are critical for public health, safety, and well-being. A backup power package is a stand-alone, backup power source that can provide at least 48-hours of power in the event of an outage, such as a natural gas or propane generator or a combination of solar panels and battery storage.

As directed in [Senate Bill 2627](#), passed by the 88th Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott, the PUC must begin accepting loan applications for projects within the ERCOT region by June 1, 2024 and must make initial disbursements for approved loans by Dec. 31, 2025. Senate Bill 2627 also includes provisions to prioritize interconnection for TEF-funded electric generation facilities.

More information on project eligibility and the types of grants and loans available through the TEF is available on the [Texas Energy Fund](#) page of the PUC website. Updates on development and implementation of the TEF will post to the TEF webpage, as information is available.

About the Public Utility Commission

Our mission is to serve Texans by regulating the state's electric, telecommunication, and water and sewer utilities, implementing respective legislation, and offering customer assistance in resolving consumer complaints. Since its founding in 1975, the Commission has a long and proud history of service to Texas, protecting customers, fostering competition, and promoting high quality infrastructure. To learn more, please visit <https://www.puc.texas.gov>.

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