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Comments concerning proposed rulemakings

Please do not adopt this rule. Allowing gas companies to unilaterally declare themselves as nonessential and unprepared and pay \$150.00 to avoid winterizing there pipelines and well heads is absolutely ridiculous. Passage of this rule will cause more blackouts in case of a winter event such as this past February and much higher utility bills for every Texan.

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I oppose the rule about exempted gas facilities (d). This is a loophole that would allow critical facilities to opt out of weatherization. Our state needs a comprehensive approach to ensuring we do not have a repeat of the last fatal winter storm that left us with “rolling” blackouts. Some households didn’t have rolling blackouts, but near-constant blackouts. We do not want to lose any more lives when we can help avoid it.

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I strongly oppose the rule you are working on to let the gas companies be exempted from weatherization requirements for a drilling site, pipeline or gas collection site.

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From: LDunlay [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Rules Coordinator; Wayne Christian; Jim Wright; Christi Craddick
Subject: Exemptions for Gas Facilities

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Dear Texas Railroad Commissioners,

I would like to register my strong opposition to the proposed rule for exempting gas facilities from winterization requirements for drilling, pipeline, or gas collection sites in exchange for a \$150 fee. Since it is your responsibility to oversee the winterization of gas facilities to avoid catastrophic power loss such as we experienced last February, I find this proposed loophole extremely disturbing.

The health and safety of the citizens of Texas should be your priority - not the natural gas companies that you are elected to regulate. While this exemption may currently be "within the letter of the law," it is not in the best interests of Texas citizens and should not be adopted.

Sincerely,
Lissa Dunlay
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Page 4 line 16 or so: Are there any limitations on a supplier deciding to declare itself not ready for operation in a weather emergency? Can a supplier that has been designated as critical decide later it is not? Can they opt out if they don't want to winterize their equipment and processes? How will you insure there is enough gas supply for extended cold snap? I believe we will have at least one and possibly two periods of extended temperatures below freezing in north and central Texas this winter into early 2022. The jet stream continues to have large dips in its patterns and these dips will allow Arctic air to penetrate deeply into the US. Gas providers better be ready.

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To the Commissioners: I am a lifelong Texan and current resident of Collin County, where my household experienced 3 days of complete blackout of electricity during the winter storm of February 2021.

We were luckier than most people thanks to good insulation in our home. Your proposed exemption for gas facilities to avoid winterization of drilling, pipeline or gas collection sites--for a \$150 fee!--is completely unconscionable. Have you totally lost sight of the fact that you are public servants? When governmental entities are hand in glove with the industries they are supposed to regulate, as you appear to be, public trust and confidence in government is eroded. I stand strongly opposed to such a ridiculous and cynical exemption. There should be NO exemptions to a requirement for winterization and weatherization of our power grid. Please close this loophole immediately.

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October 15, 2021 Dear Railroad Commissioners, During the February 2021 grid failure, my husband and I experienced the loss of electricity. We were cold and tried to keep warm by piling on blankets. One of my neighbors' pipes "burst" and was out of her home for over a month. So much inconvenience and suffering. I oppose the proposed rule about exempting gas facilities from winterization requirements for a drilling site, pipeline or gas collection site. All facilities must winterize. The proposed winterizing rule will expose Texas citizens to additional grid failures this coming winter season. Please do not approve this proposed rule about exempting gas facilities from winterization requirements. Best regards, Nancy Alexander Plano, Texas

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On page 7 (f 23) of "Proposed New 16 AC 3.63 and Proposed Amendments to 3.107 to Implement HB 3648 and SB3", a gas facility can file for an exemption (exempting a facility from winterizing their equipment) at a filing cost of \$150. This is a stupid rule that should NOT be implemented. 1) \$150 is a tiny expense for a company to avoid important (albeit, expensive) costs toward winterizing their equipment. 2) I see that if the exemption is approved, then the company can add further equipment to the exemption WITHOUT incurred any more filing costs. Gee, get an exemption for 1 gas valve and expand it for an entire plant at no additional cost! Rather than allow gas companies to file for this exemption, how about these companies come before the Railroad Commission (in an open meeting) and present a detailed lecture as to why they can't possibly winterize their equipment... AND if their excuse is "It will cost too much" then make this EXEMPTION filing cost some large percentage of the "winterization cost": like 10 percent of the winterization cost. But I understand that the Railroad Commission does not have the power to ALTER this "\$150 exemption" rule; that is up to the Texas Legislature. Still, your asking for my comment on the rule so I assume you have the authority to "drop the exemption rule" entirely. That would be my

recommendation. NO EXEMPTIONS for winterization of gas facilities/equipment. And if the gas companies are upset about that, then the can talk to the Texas Legislature.

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Dear Texas Railroad Commission, Per an article in Dallas Morning News on October 15, 2021, I have been informed that the maximum penalty for non-winterization of natural gas plants in Texas will be \$150 per plant. I strongly implore the Texas Railroad commission to implement strong rules and harsh penalties to protect and harden any natural gas installations against tough winter and summer weather with the objective of protecting the Texas electrical grid. The events of February-2021 can not be allowed to be repeated. Best regards, /Concerned Texas citizen.