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SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Business & Commerce

TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, July 29, 2026

PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)

CHAIR: Senator Charles Schwertner

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

Assessing the State of the Texas Electric Grid: Monitor rulemaking related to Senate Bill 6, 89th Legislature, including large load interconnection rules, cost allocation of transmission costs, and the progress made toward increasing confidence in Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) load forecasts. Examine previous efforts to strengthen the reliability and resiliency of the Texas electric grid, including the Texas Energy Fund and post-Winter Storm Uri reforms at both the Public Utility Commission and ERCOT, including Senate Bills 2 and 3, 87th Legislature. Evaluate the competitiveness of the ERCOT market to determine whether further changes are necessary to support a robust energy-only market.

Managing the Impacts of 765-kv Transmission Lines on Private Property Rights: Review the proposed 765-kv transmission line route plans to determine their impact on homes, businesses, and communities. Assess whether the current regulatory processes and timelines are sufficient in protecting landowner rights, including allowing for proper consideration of the effect of high voltage transmission lines on long-term land use, property values, and environmental factors. Recommend ways to improve transmission planning, permitting, and siting decisions for the infrastructure necessary to serve growth in the state.

Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes per witness. If submitting written testimony, please provide 15 copies to the committee clerk with your name and/or the name of your organization on each copy, and email a digital copy to the clerk of the committee at Annika.Vandayar_sc@senate.texas.gov.

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

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