

Rule Making in the PUCT

Note from Don Brown, Secure the Grid Subcommittee

We have time between now and September 1st to prepare for this engagement. They will be pulling together drafts for rule making on each of our bills. We then engage in the rule making through public comments and workshops.

This is an opportunity to build long term relationships which can serve each of the counties in future disputes. It is through testifying and speaking to individual commissioners and PUCT staff member during breaks the I made all of my connection with ERCOT, Chair Gleeson, and the PUCT staff. I was able to set up face-to-face meetings with Chair Gleeson and Tommy Waller on EMP and Solar weather this way. Then we follow-up with the PUCT helping us host the Utilities, PUCT, and ERCOT and Senator Hall in the EMP and Solar Weather Workshop.

1. Here is the PUCT open meeting calendar. <https://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/calendar/openmeetings/>
2. Here is the rule making process at the PUCT <https://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/about/ope/rulemaking/> including a link to set up your online account. Note in the process that we want to be included in the **information gathering process - Step 3.**
 - a. Nancy and Milinda, according to this process, we should be allowed to join as an advocacy group using **Secure the Grid Coalition** for our group.
 - b. Linda, **each 391 commission** should be able to have a seat at the table.
3. This is the link to the electric code rules <https://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/rulesnlaws/subrules/electric/> The new bills will modify sections of the code when enacted, which is specified in each of our bills.
4. This is the link for searching on all filings. Just put in a date range. You can track all BESS related filings in the past this way. <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/search/daily/> To search the filings displayed, hold down "control and F" on your PC keyboard to get the webpage search window, at the lower left. Type in BESS. Since beginning of May I count around six BESS filings.
5. I just found this link that gives the PUCT staff phone numbers and titles. It is not the PUCT website so it may be out of date. <https://maxxwww.naruc.org/forms/CompanyFormPublic/viewCommissionRoster?id=76400000719> I have found the best way to meet people is at the public open meetings and ask for their business cards. We can work to develop a positive relationships with them. We need to respect their time and in return they can be invaluable to us. The more connections we make the influence we can have.

– Shared by Linda Bullard, June 11, 2025