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Chairman



Greg Abbott
Governor

Public Utility Commission of Texas

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Governor Greg Abbott
Capitol Office
P.O. Box 12428
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RE: Resignation

Dear Governor Abbott:

Effective immediately, I resign as the Chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. I believe it is in the best interest of this Great State of Texas.

The State of Texas was devastated by a tremendous and horrific event. The events that to the electric grid's failure was not caused by any one individual or group. I have served as Chairman for only a few short years. The interests of many people and companies contributed to the situation we faced in the devastating storm. I testified last Thursday in the Senate and House and accepted my role in the situation. I believe others should come forward in dignity and courage and acknowledge how their actions or inactions contributed to the situation. The gas companies, the Railroad Commission, the electric generators, the transmission and distribution utilities, the electric cooperatives, the municipally owned utilities, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, and finally the Legislature all had responsibility to foresee what could have happened and failed to take the necessary steps for the past ten years to address issues that each of them could have addressed.

I stand proud that I worked endless hours over the past two and a half weeks to return electric power to the grid. Despite the treatment I received from some legislators, I am proud that I spoke the truth. I know that I acted with the best of intentions and used my best judgment on how to respond once the crisis was upon us, as well as to the days that led to the crisis. With devoted faith I know that God will take care of me during these difficult times.

I want to thank you for the tremendous opportunity to serve the Great State of Texas.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DeAnn T. Walker".

DeAnn T. Walker
Chairman
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