## RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## **EMERGENCY ORDER**

WHEREAS, after Notice of Emergency Meeting to consider this Emergency Order was duly posted on February 17, 2021 with the Secretary of State within the time period provided by law pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 551, et seq., the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission") determined that an Emergency Order is necessary to protect human needs customers in the State of Texas because of current conditions which threaten and health, safety and welfare of those customers, and determined that the existing regulations and Orders of the Commission do not sufficiently address the specific conditions of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a State of Disaster in all 254 counties due to severe weather posing an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing rain statewide; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission in the Texas Utilities Code, the Commission has the authority to issue this Emergency Order affecting the operation of the gas utility systems in this state to prevent such threats to the public;

WHEREAS, the transportation, delivery and/or sale of natural gas in the State of Texas for any other purpose other than serving human needs customers should be curtailed to the extent possible and necessary for the duration of this Emergency Order;

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the Commission held a duly posted emergency meeting and issued an emergency order temporarily modifying current natural gas utility curtailment priorities to ensure the protection of human needs customers; and

WHEREAS, the emergency conditions that prompted the Commission's emergency order continue to exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS that the emergency order issued by the Railroad Commission on Friday, February 12, 2021 is hereby extended until Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The emergency order will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on February 23, 2021 unless otherwise renewed by the Commission in a subsequent action.

**SIGNED** this 17th day of February 2021.

## **RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**SECRETARY** 

