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Press Release

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Electric Conservation Alert Issued

Fredericksburg, TX - Earlier today, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) issued a conservation alert for today through Friday, June 18, 2021, asking Texans to reduce electric use as much as possible. ERCOT noted a high number of outages (11,000 MW at the time of this release) combined with potential record usage due to high temperatures is driving tight grid conditions.

ERCOT manages the flow of electric power to more than 26 million Texas customers -- representing about 90 percent of the state's electric load. As the independent system operator for the region, ERCOT schedules power on an electric grid that connects more than 46,500 miles of transmission lines and 710+ generation units.

As the grid operator for most of Texas, ERCOT works every day to make sure there is enough electricity available for consumer needs. Sometimes the demand for electricity may be very close to the amount of generation available, either because consumers are using a lot of electricity, or some power plants are not able to provide enough power. On those days, ERCOT may issue a conservation alert. In the event of a conservation alert, the City will notify its electric utility customers via social media channels, local newspaper, and local radio.

There are several conservation measures that can be taken to reduce the amount of electricity you use daily, especially during peak hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.:

- Turn thermostat up two to three degrees during the peak hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Set programmable thermostats to higher temperatures when no one is home
- Use fans to feel four to six degrees cooler
- Limit use of large appliances (i.e., dishwasher, washer, dryer, etc.) to morning or after 7:00 p.m.
- If you cook indoors from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., use a microwave or slow cooker
- Close blinds and drapes during late afternoon
- Schedule pool pumps to run in the early morning or overnight hours; shut off between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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Additional electric conservation tips can be found at www.ercot.com/about/conservation and <http://powertosavetexas.org/>.

Daily peak demand forecasts, current load, and available generation can be viewed at <http://www.ercot.com>.

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