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Report Says Utility Commission In Need Of Oversight

AUSTIN — An April 23 Sunset Advisory Commission report recommends increasing the Public Utility Commission's authority to oversee the electric industry in Texas.

The report says ERCOT, the powerful Electric Reliability Council of Texas, needs a board of directors with fewer members tied to the electric industry.

"Clearly there are a number

of issues that ERCOT must address," said PUC Commissioner Donna Nelson. "I believe the Sunset recommendations draw attention to many of those issues and I encourage the ERCOT board to make the necessary changes to increase the level of confidence Texans have in their electric grid operator."

ERCOT, founded in 1970, manages the flow of electric power to 22 million Texas customers, representing 85 percent of the state's electric load and 75 percent of the Texas land area. ERCOT manages financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers customer switching for 6.5 million Texans in competitive choice areas.

The Sunset process will continue this year with a public hearing and Legislative review in preparation for the 82nd regular session of the Texas Legislature, which begins in January 2011.

Mansion addition plans
approved

The State Preservation Board announced plans for an addition to be built on the west side of the Governor's Mansion.

The 1,000 square foot addition would include a stairway, more space in the first-floor kitchen and a new second-floor bedroom.

The 153-year-old building has been undergoing restoration since June 2008, when an arson fire destroyed much of it.

The bill for the restoration will be paid with millions in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds in addition to funds raised privately.

UT to restructure
TeleCampus

UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa announced changes in the operation of the system's online and distance learning functions.

UT TeleCampus will move into a new System Administration office, allowing broader access to online courses, which Cigarroa said should bolster graduation rates.

And, the office will serve as a clearinghouse for innovations where start-up programs will be implemented and employees will assist with distance education marketing and recruitment efforts.

Program to help
with admissions

A free Online College Preparation Assistance Pilot Program soon will help high school students tackle the college selection and application process.

The Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are launching the \$1.5 million pilot program and expect 20,000 to 30,000 high school students from across Texas to participate.

School districts and their se-

lected high schools will be notified as to when they may participate. The program tailors each student's information to help them stay on track to graduate and proceed toward career goals.

Agency acts to ensure
disclosure

The Texas Ethics Commission recently approved new rules requiring public disclosure of direct campaign expenditures by corporations and unions to candidates for public office.

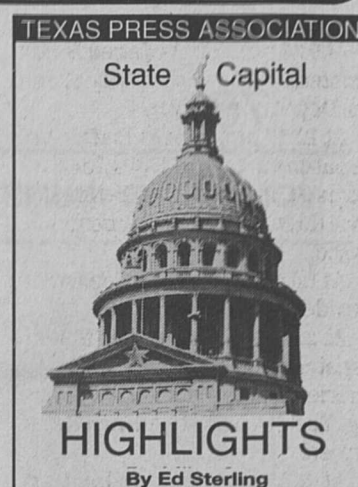
The rule comes in the wake of the Citizens United U.S. Supreme Court case, which took the lid off donations to candidates.

Extending the disclosure requirement "would favor the public interest by providing information to the public regarding efforts to influence elections through spending," according to the draft language adopted by the Commission.

Every day is Earth Day
at TxDOT

On April 20, two days in advance of Earth Day, a Texas Department of Transportation news release said every day is Earth Day for the agency.

The main reason is that Tx-



DOT is one of the state's leading consumers of recycled goods, such as roofing scraps, old tires, worn asphalt and other materials that Texans normally pitch into landfills. For example, in 2009, TxDOT used for than 2.8 million tons of reclaimed asphalt and about 780,000 tires worth of scrap rubber.

The agency pointed to its fleet of more than 3,300 alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles as an example of its efforts to improve air quality and the fact that it offers an annual clean air incentive program for department staff. The program encourages the use of public transit, carpooling and brown-bagging a lunch to further reduce emissions.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1986

The local rumor mill was proven wrong again when a spokesman for Southern Pacific Transportation Co. said the railroad was in no way considering closing its operations in Eagle Lake...

The Vic and Cherry Corman home and the home of Doris Clippson were damaged when sudden storms brought a lot of wind and rain with it...

Idalia Gonzales earned her a \$5,300 national scholarship when she exhibited her work of art "Too Hot to Handle"...

On the afternoon of May 16, Peter Canaris was honored with a graduate party given by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Canaris and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Canaris...

On Friday, May 30, the senior in cosmetology will go to Austin to take the State board exam. Taking the exam will be Monica Marsalia, Shelly Owers, Margaret Leal, Sherry Williams, Nancy Torres, Dalia Garza, Lydia Rodriguez, Lena Chavez, Cheryl McDonald and Lisa Owers...

Laura Appelt was awarded the 1986 Colorado County Texas State Teachers Association scholarship...

Army Private Ernest G. Moore, son of Tillie Moore has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo....

William R. (Rich) Farris was graduated from the Rice University School of Architecture in Houston on May 10 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree...

Winners in the 4-H Fashion show held in Columbus were Christal Lockett of Eagle Lake, sub-junior active sportswear and

Dionne Glover of Eagle Lake, senior non-tailored daywear...

Tech. Sgt. Ernest W. Besch, son of Louise E. Besch of Alleton, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force maintenance analysis course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill....

The third person of the main trio of Houston's KRPC Channel 2 news team brought a special message to Eagle Lake May 9. Ron Franklin spoke at the Study Club President's Luncheon in the Community Center...

Emelda Clayton, a member of the Rice High School women's track team finished second in the state high school track meet in Austin. Others attended the state meet were Veronica Woods, Terri Clayton, Renae Sanford, Marsha McTear, Sheryl McGrew and Lisa Brown. The only member of the boy's track team attending was Cleve Scott. Brown signed a letter of intent to attend Texas A&I University in Kingsville on an athletic scholarship.

April 26, 1962

John T. Engstrom, Garwood high school senior, has been appointed to the U.S. Navy ROTC at the University of Texas...

A.M. Sams, Eagle Lake school Spanish instructor, has been awarded a scholarship to attend a Summer Language Institute at the University of Mississippi this summer...

The Stromquist Farm Dairy, located 15 miles northeast of Eagle Lake announces that the dairy has begun home delivery in this area...

The ladies of the Shropshire Upton Chapter of the United

Daughters of the Confederacy opened the historical museum in Columbus...

Mrs. Jack Morris was honored on her birthday April 11 when a group of ladies joined her to celebrate the occasion. Present for the festivities were Mrs. H.J. Kretzschmar, Mrs. L.O. Frnka, Mrs. Raymond Kohleff, Mrs. Hans German, Mrs. Adolf Hollas, Mrs. L.J. Rosprim and Edna Frances, Mrs. Fred G. Frnka and Mrs. Lee Goode...

The ladies auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department elected officers. They are Jonie Mae Muzny, president; Anita Loessin, vice-president; Margie Miller, secretary; Hallie Brasher, treasurer; Lou Birdwell, reporter; Charlyne Spanihel, parliamentarian; Modene Lee, historian; and Willie Maye Tate, chaplain...

Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Anderson complimented their daughter, Alice, a senior at Eagle Lake high school with a BBQ dinner...

Citizens of the community were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Charles Dearing, 35, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. J.O. Walker of this city...

Six members of the Eagle Lake Future Homemakers of America were presented Junior Degrees at the Parent and Daughter banquet. They were Paulette Balusek, Jane Booker, Linda Crouch, Alice Gunter, Betty Jane Kana and Louise Rebeck...

Presented Chapter Degrees at the recent Parent and Daughter banquet were Virginia Uzzell, Christine Herman and Vera Roberts...

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and case for the period ending April 8.

Tuesday, March 23

At 7:15 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to Garwood in reference to unknown subject(s) throwing eggs at a semi truck. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

Wednesday, March 24

At 8:15 am, Deputy Berger and Deputy Abbott responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to Criminal Mischief. During the investigation, three suspects were identified. After further investigation, the suspects paid for the damages and no charges were filed. Case closed as a civil matter.

At 1:15 pm, Deputy Berger and Deputy Abbott arrived at the Columbus High School in reference to a suicidal student. The student was provided with a mental health screening by Texana under a Peace Officer's Warrant. Case closed.

At 10:30 pm, Sgt. Edman responded to Weishuhn Road in New Ulm in reference to suspi-

cious activity. The suspicious activity was identified and the situation was resolved. Case closed unless future incidents are reported.

Thursday, March 25

At 9:15 am, Deputy Zak responded to the AT&T cell tower on IH-10 west of Bernardo Road in Cat Spring in reference to a Theft. On arrival, it was determined that copper wire had been stolen from the cell tower site. Case is pending further investigation with multiple other law enforcement agencies that had similar cases.

At 10:30 am, Deputy Berger and Deputy Abbott responded to a residence on Hwy 90 in Glidden in reference to a Theft. On arrival, an investigation was conducted and the suspect(s) was identified. A warrant was obtained and the case is pending apprehension.

At 3:30 pm, Deputy Argo and Deputy Hillier met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about an Auto Theft that occurred at Old McDonald Road west of Columbus. The case was turned over to the Auto Theft division for further investigation.

Friday, March 26

At 12:30 pm, Deputy Ortiz located a subject feeding cats where prohibited at Beason's Park. Information was obtained and the case will be turned over to the LCRA for further action.

At 9:30 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to Calhoun Road near Eagle Lake in reference to shots fired from the roadway. The suspect vehicle was located in Eagle Lake. After further investigation, 5 subjects were issued citations for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and later released to a parent.

Saturday, March 27

At 1:57 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt conducted a traffic stop on the IH-10 north service road at CR 220 near Weimar. After further investigation, Nancen Jay Kainer, 17 of Flatonia, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol by Minor. The passenger, Sara Elizabeth Robbins, 18 of Muldoon, was arrested for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor. Case closed.

At 4:50 am, Sgt. Edman responded to the IH-10 south service road near the 703 mile marker in reference to an accident. On ar-

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