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Winter Storm Uri and the Texas Power Outages: Lessons Learned and Legislative Responses



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Our expert speakers will provide an overview of the forensic analysis of what happened leading up to and during the historic Texas power outages and the lessons to be learned from Winter Storm Uri. The presenters will also provide a detailed summary of the comprehensive legislative reforms passed by the Texas legislature in response to the storm and the regulatory and market reforms already underway at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). Among the specific issues that will be addressed are the following:

- What happened, who was ready, who wasn't and why.
- A run-down on the financial winners and losers and how ratepayers may be impacted now and over the long-term.
- How Texas public officials are responding to ensure the reliability and resilience of the Texas grid is improved and ratepayers are protected
- Why the cautionary tale of the Texas power outages should inform national policy debates.

Speaker Biographies

MIKE NASI

MIKE NASI is a partner with Jackson Walker, where he practices environmental and energy law. Mike has been practicing before state and federal environmental and energy agencies and appellate courts for 24 years. Mike is counsel for parties in ongoing EPA regulatory proceedings relating to carbon dioxide, interstate air quality, regional haze, and coal combustion residuals, including appeals pending before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, and D.C. Circuits, as well as the Supreme Court of the United States. Mike helps coordinate multi-state outreach efforts regarding these and other regulations impacting the electric power and mining sectors, appears at hearings and energy policy events across the country, and is published in several trade, law, and business journals on environmental law and energy policy topics.

BRENT BENNETT

BRENT BENNETT, Ph.D., is the policy director for Life:Powered, an initiative of the Texas Public Policy Foundation that reframes the national discussion on energy and the environment. As part of the Life:Powered team, Bennett regularly speaks with policymakers, energy experts, and industry associations across the country. He is responsible for fact-checking the team's work and spearheading many of the team's policy and regulatory initiatives. He has written extensively on how America has improved its environment while growing its energy use and on the physical limitations of renewable energy and energy storage. Prior to joining the Foundation, Bennett worked for a startup company selling carbon nanotubes to battery manufacturers, and he continues to provide technology consulting to energy storage companies. Bennett has an M.S.E. and Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.S. in physics from the University of Tulsa. His graduate research focused on advanced chemistries for utility-scale energy storage systems.