



Railroad Commission of Texas Adopted Rule Summary

16 Texas Administrative Code §7.460 Suspension of Gas Utility Service Disconnection During an Extreme Weather Emergency

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Rule Effective Date — December 5, 2023

Action (new, amend, and/or repeal) — Amend

Summary

The adopted rule amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code §7.460 implement Texas Utilities Code §105.023, which requires the Railroad Commission of Texas to adopt a classification table to guide courts in issuing civil penalties against gas utilities who disconnect service to residential customers during an extreme weather emergency.

The classification table is added in §7.460(f). Subsection (f) provides that the Office of the Attorney General of Texas on its own or at the request of the Commission may file suit to recover a civil penalty for violation of subsection (b)(1) or (c) of §7.460. The classification table outlines violation factors and values for each factor to determine the dollar amount of penalties.

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