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NEWS RELEASE

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Texas Under ‘Federal Disaster’ Order, Immediate Electrical Conservation Called for by ERCOT

Rolling Blackouts to Continue

Granbury, Texas – The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages the flow of electric power to more than 26 million Texans – including Granbury – issued an Energy Emergency Alert 3 this morning due to state electrical reserves dropping below 1,000 Mega Watts. EEA 3 is the highest and final level of electrical emergencies. There are currently 2.4 million Texans without electricity.

As a result, of that dip, ERCOT has ordered local electric transmission companies to reduce the demand on the statewide system. To do so, many companies have started rolling blackouts throughout the state, including those in Granbury. ERCOT is calling on all Texans to conserve as much electrical energy as possible to reduce the number of blackouts.

“Although we’ve got no way of knowing when they (rolling blackouts) will hit we’ll be right on top of those and any isolated outages that occur,” said Granbury Public Works Director Rick Crownover.

“Mainly the western portions of Granbury that are United Cooperative Service customers have been impacted by the rolling blackouts that began at 3:45 am, today,” said Granbury City Manager Chris Coffman. “Pecan Plantation and City of De Cordova as well as other parts of the county are included in the rolling blackouts.”

Coffman also stated that according to reports from ERCOT, Texas is expecting the rolling blackouts to continue today and most of tomorrow. Citizens are asked to reduce the use of electricity as much as possible because the current available electric generation supply does not meet the current all-time high peak demand.

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“This statewide disaster clearly illustrates the lingering effects of the retirement of the many coal fired and gas generations plants in Texas. Relying on wind and solar for such a large part of our needs does not provide flexibility and sustainability for this type of an event,” he said.

Coffman asks that any residents of Granbury who experience blackouts of longer than 45 minutes to call their electric provider and let them know. This includes those residents served by the City of Granbury.

To report an outage, go to:

City of Granbury Utilities – <http://www.granbury.org/19/Utility-Service-Information> or 817-558-0488

Tri-County Electric Co-op, Inc. -- www.tcectexas.com or 817-444-3201

United Cooperative Services -- <https://ucs.net/> or 817-326-5232

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