

Client Alert: Recent Storm Disruptions of the Energy Sector – Possible Investigations and Regulatory Actions

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The unprecedented winter storm and icy temperatures that struck the southwest have overwhelmed portions of our bulk power system. Millions of Americans in Texas and other states ranging from the Dakotas to Kentucky and Alabama whose bulk power systems are managed by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the Southwest Power Pool, and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator are experiencing widespread and prolonged blackouts. Thermal and renewable generators became inoperable, gas supplies tightened, and prices and load, spurred by heating demand, spiked to record levels. At the state and national level, governments swiftly announced intention to investigate and prevent a recurrence. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) announced on Tuesday a joint inquiry into the readiness and performance of the bulk-power system and its generators. And, in Texas, Governor Abbott quickly called for state legislative and regulatory investigations and action.

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