

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Hurricane Ike: ERCOT Grid Condition, Update 2**Forced outages due to Hurricane Ike as of 8 am Sept. 15:****Customer outages**

CenterPoint	1.6 million
ONCOR	58,000
Texas New Mexico Power	70,000
LCRA	2,409
TOTAL	1,730,409

Transmission forced outages

345 kV-lines	1
138 kV-lines	69
69 kV-lines	30

Total high-voltage lines 100

Generation outages

2,585 MW total

- 11 plants (30 generating units)
- Includes 690 MW utility generation and 1,895 MW of private generation (process/refinery generation)

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) manages the flow of electric power to 21 million Texas customers – representing 85 percent of the state's electric load and 75 percent of the Texas land area. As the independent system operator for the region, ERCOT schedules power on an electric grid that connects 38,000 miles of transmission lines and more than 550 generation units. ERCOT also manages financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers customer switching for 6 million Texans in competitive choice areas. ERCOT is a membership-based 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation, governed by a board of directors and subject to oversight by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Legislature. ERCOT's members include consumers, cooperatives, independent generators, independent power marketers, retail electric providers, investor-owned electric utilities (transmission and distribution providers), and municipal-owned electric utilities.

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