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ALL CLEAR-ROTATING OUTAGES ARE COMPLETE

(February 19, 2021-Greenville, Texas)-The Electric Reliability Council of Texas or “ERCOT” is the electricity grid operator for Texas. ERCOT has announced that the need for rotating outages across Texas has ended at this time and the electrical grid is back to normal. The rotating outage situation was required to quickly lower electric load across Texas and to ensure stability of the electricity grid. Your efforts in lowering your electricity consumption was essential in resolving grid instability issues. GEUS appreciates the efforts you made in helping your friends, families and neighbors.

Conservation Alert

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GEUS Customers are encouraged to reduce usage where you can during hours of 6-9am and 6-9pm.

Ways to Reduce Electricity Use Include:

- Turn thermostat down 2 to 3 degrees.
- Limit use of large, heat producing appliances like space heaters, dishwasher, dryer, oven, etc.
- Close blinds and drapes during evening.
- Use towels or blankets to block drafts.
- Dress in layers to feel warmer.

ERCOT - Grid Condition Alert Levels	
Normal Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sufficient generation, all is well
Conservation Alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERCOT identifies that there are potentially tight operating reserves.• GEUS Customers are encouraged to reduce usage where you can.
Power Watch Conservation Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERCOT Energy Emergency Alert 1.• Consumers and businesses are encouraged to reduce their electricity use as much as possible today from 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m., to help prevent electricity emergencies.
Power Warning Conservation Critical Risk of Rotating Outages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Emergency Alert 2.• Conservation is critical to avoid electricity emergencies or the need for rotating outages from 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. Consumers should reduce their consumption of electricity as much as possible to help prevent an emergency.
Power Emergency Rotating Outages in Progress Conservation Critical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Emergency Alert 3.• ERCOT has issued rotating outages across Texas because there is not enough electric generation available.• Rotating outages are controlled, temporary interruptions of service, typically lasting 10-45 minutes in each affected area.• Reduce electric usage to lowest level possible.

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