

Arkansas Energy Resources Planning Task Force: May 27th Meeting Scheduled



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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) announced that the Energy Resources Planning Task (“Task Force”) is holding a public hearing today at 1:30 p.m.

A number of organizations will be providing testimony.

Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson issued Executive Order 21-05 establishing the Task Force.

The Executive Order, in discussing the rationale for the Task Force, referenced:

- Vulnerabilities in critical energy resources because of winter storms
- Increased demand/inadequate supply of critical energy/Arkansas business closures
- Need to evaluate the ability of Arkansas’s critical energy resources and infrastructure to withstand extreme events

The Task Force includes:

- The Secretary of the Department of Energy and Environment, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Arkansas Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, or his or her designee; and
- The Secretary of the Department of Commerce, or his or her designee.

The Task Force is charged to:

- Recommend actions needed to ensure adequate supply of critical energy sources during extreme events; and
- Develop priorities for allocation of limited energy resources in the event of supply shortages due to emergency situations necessitating action to preserve life, health, and safety.

The public hearing is being live-streamed on Arkansas PBS at

<https://www.myarkansaspbs.org/arcan/home>.

If you are unable to access the meeting via television or internet, please contact EComms@adeq.state.ar.us to obtain instructions for how to listen via telephone.

A copy of the news release announcing the public hearing can be downloaded [here](#).