

# IMPROVEMENTS TO TEXAS' ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESILIENCY MUST CENTER AROUND ENERGY JUSTICE AND ENERGY POVERTY.

**Texas outages and blackouts during extreme weather events should be managed fairly.**

There should be clearly established criteria for transmission and distribution companies to identify critical infrastructure and manage blackouts.



**Texas community level data on outages and rolling blackouts should be made public.**

The distribution of outages and rolling blackouts was inequitable and there should be an explanation of how and why they happened.

**Texas emergency response communications should be proactive and inclusive.**

Communications about the impacts of extreme weather and its consequences (possible boil water notices, etc.) should be transmitted in multiple mediums and in multiple languages, and should occur prior to people losing power.



**Texas lawmakers should thoroughly investigate the high energy prices during the 2021 Winter Storm.**

Market manipulation is not uncommon during crises and the state should thoroughly investigate to uncover any manipulation that led to high prices.

**Texas distribution companies should utilize smart meters to microsegment the energy grid and bypass non-critical buildings.**

Skyscrapers and empty stadiums should not have power at the expense of residential homes and community infrastructure (water purification plants, grocery stores, fire stations, and hospitals).

**Some Texas communities were disproportionately impacted by the energy infrastructure failures.**

Low income, underserved, and rural communities suffered from more prolonged outages than other communities just because they are not near critical infrastructure.

## Electricity Bill

