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MEDIA STATEMENT

Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers appointed to Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group

FORT BEND COUNTY, TX (Oct. 10, 2023) – Earlier today Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT) Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty appointed Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Commissioner Andy Meyers to the Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group. Details of the announcement on the seventeen-member Working Group are posted online in this [PUCT press release](#) (also attached).

Statements from Commissioner Meyers:

"An important priority for the State of Texas is to make the power grid more resilient as well as grow electrical capacity to accommodate the billions of dollars in industrial and commercial investments coming to our State, along with the jobs they create," said Commissioner Meyers.

"We must also build on the lessons learned during Winter Storm Uri as well as power supply challenges this summer. Advanced nuclear technology like Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) offers options to deploy safe, reliable, carbon-free power over the next few years. During the past year I met and engaged with leaders involved in the Houston Energy Transition Initiative (HETI), as well as nuclear researchers at Texas A&M, UT, Abilene Christian, and other Universities on the advancements being made to transition to a lower carbon economy, which includes commercializing advanced SMR technology."

"Part of the reason why I worked with fellow Commissioners to establish Fort Bend County's Industrial Development Opportunities Committee is to attract more advanced manufacturing, distribution, and industrial operations to our County and Region," Meyers said.

“This effort positions Fort Bend County and our State to better to attract significant investments from major employers, to create high paying jobs and diversify our tax base. They can also be instrumental in enabling the development of SMR manufacturing operations and the supply chain to support them.”

Commissioner Meyers will be available following today’s Commissioners’ Court meeting which begins at 1 p.m. at 400 Jackson St., Richmond, TX 77469.