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# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Christi Craddick  
Commissioner Wayne Christian  
Commissioner Jim Wright

**FROM:** Haley Cochran, Attorney *HC*  
Office of General Counsel

**THROUGH:** Alexander C. Schoch, General Counsel

**DATE:** January 20, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Amendments to 16 TAC Chapters 13, 14, and 15, relating to Alternative Fuels Safety Regulations

Attached is Staff's recommendation to adopt amendments to the Commission's Alternative Fuels Regulations in 16 Texas Administrative Code Chapters 13, 14, and 15.

The amendments to Chapters 13 and 14, relating to Regulations for Compressed Natural Gas and Regulations for Liquefied Natural Gas respectively, implement changes from the 86th Legislative Session. The amendments also adopt by reference National Fire Protection Association standards. Finally, the amendments update, clarify, and ensure consistency among the Commission's alternative fuels regulations. The attached materials on Chapter 15, relating to Alternative Fuels Programs, repeal the chapter due to repeal of the governing statute during the 85th Legislative Session.

On October 20, 2020, the Commission approved the publication of the proposed amendments and the proposed repeal in the Texas Register for public comment. The proposals were published in the November 6, 2020 issue of the Register. The comment period ended on December 14, 2020 and one comment was received.

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the amendments with changes to the proposed amendments to Chapters 13 and 14 (45 TexReg 7847, 7881) and without changes to the proposed repeal of Chapter 15 (45 TexReg 7921).

cc: Wei Wang, Executive Director  
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